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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	1900.
M.L. SOBRAON	7382	L. M. Wibmer	29th Dec,
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	5th Jan.
M. VALETTA	5048	F. N. Tillard	12th "
* CALEDONIA	7458	E. H. Gordon	19th "
M.L. EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	26th "
ARABIA	7803	J. L. Parfit	2nd Feb.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7458	E. H. Gordon	9th "
* PERSIA	6000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M.L. PENINSULAR	5287	T. Leigh	23rd "
* INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	2nd Mar.
M.L. ARABIA	7961	J. L. Parfitt	9th "
* PERSIA	6000	W. A. Wheler	16th "
M.L. INDIA	7911	W.D.G. Worcester	23rd "
* EGYPT	7922	G. L. Langborne	30th "
M.L. PERSIA	6300	W. A. Wheler	6th April

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VINDOBONA	G. Klansberger	4,351	in Jan., 1901.

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INDU	6,357	Duchateau	14th Feb., 1901.
SYDNEY	4,232	X	14th Mar., 1901.

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Colombo.	Sourabaya.	Hankow.
Penang.	Hongkong.	Yokonama.
Deli (Sumatra).	Foochow	Kobe.
Thalping.		

The Corporation GRANT DRAFTS on the above Agencies and Branches; buy and receive for collection bills of Exchange; issue Letters of Credit; and undertake general banking business.
FIXED DEPOSITS
are received for TWELVE MONTHS at FOUR PER CENT per Annum. Rate for shorter periods may be ascertained on application.
JOHN STIVEN,
Agent.
Bombay Agency, Elphinstone Circle.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	Yens	24,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	,,	18,000,000
RESERVE FUND	,,	8,130,000

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Tientsin.
BANKERS—The LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK
The UNION BANK of LONDON, AND THE PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.
BOMBAY BRANCH.
LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
DRAFTS granted on JAPAN, and the Chief Commercial places in the World,
Y. MATSUO,
Manager.
Albert Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000
RESERVE FUND £330,000
HEAD OFFICE:
47 THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E. C.
BRANCHES:
Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Kurrachee, Lahore, Delhi, Rangoon, Mandalay, Tuticorin, Umritsar, Kandy, Newera Eliya, Zanzibar, Steamer Point, Aden, Gawspore and Mombasa.
FIXED DEPOSITS.
The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of Interest to be ascertained on application.
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS are opened for approved Customers, and Interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 1,00,000, but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 10 half-yearly.
BILLS OF EXCHANGE payable in the principal Cities of Europe, India, China, and Australia purchased or collected.
DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and Branches of the Bank and on the principal Cities of Europe and Australia. Remittances may be made by telegram.
The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks, and Shares, and receives same for safe custody realising Interest and Dividends when due.
LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on approved Securities.
H. CHALMERS,
Manager.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE:—CALCUTTA.
BRANCHES:—BOMBAY, KARACHI, LAHORE LONDON, MADRAS, RANGOON AND RAWAL PINDEE.
SUB-BRANCHES:—MURREE, (April to October) and AMRITSAR.
DEPOSIT AGENCIES:—
Messrs. SINCLAIR MURRAY & Co.—Narayanguni.
Messrs. SCHRODER SMIDT & Co.—Digha Ghat, Dinapur, Patna
Mr. GILBERT FINLAYSON—Sewan, Bankipore & Chapra.
H. FREDERICHSON, Esq.—Raj Nandgaon (Gaipur, C. P.).
Messrs. LALLAS GUNGARAM CHOONEKLAL.—Mhow and Indore.
MOOLCHOOL SHAH, Esq.—Poona.
MANIBHAI JRYSINGBHAI HATHEESING, Esq.—Ahmedabad.
Messrs. CHUNIBHAI DAYABHAI VAKILNAH & Co.—Surat.
Messrs. JARDINE ROY & Co.,—Barisal.
CAPITAL PAID UP—Rs. 40,00,000.
RATES OF INTEREST allowed are as under—
STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for home remittances 4 per cent. per annum.
FIXED DEPOSITS:—
9 to 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
2 years at 5½ per cent. per annum.
The Bank will also at the Head Office or at any of the Branches in India, transfer sums for DEPOSIT in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.
Special Rates are given for SHORT PERIOD DEPOSITS. At present they are—
For 1, 2 and 3 months, at 3 1-2 per cent, per annum.
Sums as small as Rs. 10 are received into the Bank's PRUDENTIAL FUND, bearing half-yearly compound Interest at 5 per cent, per annum.
Cheques, Bills, Hundies and Currency Notes of any Circle are collected and credited free of charge in the above INTEREST DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS receive 2 per cent. per annum upon the daily balances.
Apply for RULES to HEAD OFFICE or BRANCHES.
By Order of the Board,
F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.
Oriental Buildings Bombay, 1st May, 1900.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	£1,125,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	£562,5000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£562,500

HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E. C.
LONDON BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint Stock Bank.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, KURRACHEE COLOMBO, KANDY, GALLE, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG and SHANGHAI.
The Bank negotiates and collects Bills and grants Drafts payable at its Head Office and Branches, and issues Letters of Credit for the use of Travellers.
The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms:—
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.
Interest allowed at 3 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs. 1,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.
FIXED DEPOSITS.
Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter periods to be ascertained on application.
The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks and Shares, and receives same for safe custody, realising interest and dividends when due.
JAMES MURDOCH,
Manager.
32, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

INTENDING ASSURERS ARE INVITED TO COMPARE THE RATES AND CONDITIONS OF
THE EMPIRE OF INDIA
LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LD
WITH THOSE OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.
HEAD OFFICE: 11, ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE, BOMBAY.
THE PREMIUMS
Are so moderate that, at usual ages for assurance, Rs. 1,200 or Rs. 1,250 may be secured, from the first, for the yearly payment which would generally elsewhere assure Rs. 1,000 only—the difference of Rs. 200 or Rs. 250 being equivalent to
AN IMMEDIATE AND CERTAIN BONUS OF 20 TO 25 PER CENT.
ILLUSTRATIVE TABLE
SHOWING THE ANNUAL PREMIUM PAYABLE FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF POLICIES
WITH PROFITS.

Age next Birthday.	Whole Life Assurances of Rs. 1,000. Whole Life Premiums.	Premiums Limited to 10 years.	Premiums Limited to 15 years.	Premiums Limited to 20 years.	Endowment Assurances of Rs. 1,000. Payable at death, or in 15 years.	Payable at death, or in 20 years.	Payable at death, or in 25 years.	Age next Birthday.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
22	22 9	50 0	37 7	31 7	64 8	47 10	37 15	22
23	23 1	50 12	38 0	31 15	64 9	47 12	38 1	23
24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15	57 13	43 10	36 11	65 13	49 4	40 0	31
32	28 11	58 14	44 7	37 6	66 0	49 8	40 6	32
33	29 8	59 15	45 4	38 2	66 4	49 13	40 12	33
34	30 6	61 1	46 2	38 15	66 8	50 2	41 3	34
35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35
36	32 5	63 8	48 0	40 10	67 2	50 14	42 2	36
37	33 5	64 12	49 0	41 9	67 7	51 5	42 11

NOTICES.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

BETWEEN 15 DECEMBER and 15 JANUARY the Undersigned will be glad to issue TICKETS to KARACHI and BACK at the following rates:—

1ST CLASS RETURN Rs. 60
2ND CLASS RETURN .. 30

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.
Agents, B. I. S. N. Co., Ld.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT VETERINARY COLLEGE, BOMBAY.

CANDIDATES intending TO JOIN the Veterinary College, during the next year, should submit their applications before 4th January next, on which date the Entrance Test for those who have not passed either the University School Final or Matriculation Examination will be held.

A copy of the College Rules and Regulations will be for warded on application.

J. BRODIN MILLS, Vety. Major, A.V.D.
Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.
Parel, Bombay, 22nd November, 1900.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

SUPPLY OF COCOANUT OIL.
WASTE COTTON No. 1 & 3.
MINERAL AXLE OIL.
MINERAL CYLINDER OIL
LUBRICATING.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the MANAGER, at his Office, Victoria Terminus, Bombay, up to 1 p.m. (Gun Fire), on WEDNESDAY the 16th day of January 1901 for the SUPPLY of such quantity as may be required on order, from time to time, during the period of twelve months, commencing from the 1st day of February, 1901.

TENDERS must be made by the Railway's Printed Form which can be had on application to the Undersigned.

The Manager does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

G. R. WEBB,
General Storekeeper.
General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 30th November 1900.

THE SWADESHI MILLS CO., LD.
RE DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that of the Subscribed portion of the above DEBENTURES the following having this morning been given DRAWN for PAYMENT under the provisions for that purpose endorsed upon the Debentures and the same will be paid off at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings, Fort, on and after the 29th day of December, 1900.

The Numbers are:—

23, 49, 69, 80, 82, 99, 101, 102, 155, 160, 189, 190, 191, 204, 208, 224, 226, 236, 239, 247, 250, 260, 269, 287, 300, 301, 309, 311, 319, 322, 324, 331, 333, 348, 363, 377, 378, 415, 416, 436, 440, 449, 471, 485, 504, 514, 526, 542, 546, 554, 558, 580, 604, 605, 609, 622, 629, 635, 641, 662, 676, 702, 709, 715, 723, 730, 747, 753, 754, 756, 769, 771, 776, 778, 787, 789, 795, 815, 824, 832, 837, 852, 853, 858, 865 and 868.

TATA & SONS,
Agents.
25th December, 1900.

NEW TEAS. NEW TEAS
TRY THE
MAY BLOSSOM.
THE
MAY BLOSSOM
TEAS
Are the Best in the Market, having been picked and blended by an Expert.
A CHOICE CUP OF TEA.
BEPUT OFF WITH NO OTHER.
SOLD EVERYWHERE.
Apply early to
CROFT, MODY & CO.,
BOMBAY,
SOLE AGENTS.

Retail Agents.—Denison & Co., Hummum Street. Fort; S. P. Ghandy and Sons, Jumma Musjid, Market.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
TRADE THERAPION MARK.
This successful and highly popular remedy, as employed in the Continental Hospitals by Ricord, Rostan, Jobert, Velpeau, and others, continues all the desiderata to be sought in a medicine of the kind, and surpasses everything hitherto employed.
THERAPION No. 1 in a few days only removes all discharges from the urinary organs, effectually superseding injections, the use of which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of stricture and other serious diseases. In dysentery, piles, irritation of the lower bowel, cough, bronchitis, asthma, and some of the more trying cases amongst this kind, it will be found astonishingly efficacious, affording prompt relief where other well tried remedies have been powerless.
THERAPION No. 2 for impurity of the blood, scurvy, pimples, spots, blotches, pains and swellings of the joints—often mistaken for rheumatism—secondary symptoms disease of the bones, sore throat, and all diseases for which it has been common to employ mercury, sarsaparilla, &c., to the destruction of the sufferer's teeth and ruin of health. This preparation purifies the whole system through the blood, and thoroughly eliminates every poisonous matter from the body.
THERAPION No. 3 for nervous exhaustion, waste of vitality, harassing dreams, and all the distressing consequences arising from early errors, excesses, residence in hot, unhealthy climates, &c. It possesses surprising power in restoring strength and vigour to the debilitated.
THERAPION may be procured at 2/9 and 4/6 per package, of all the principal Chemists and Merchants throughout the World. In ordering, the purchaser should state which of the three numbers he requires, and observe above Registered Trade Mark, which is a fac-simile of the word "THERAPION" engraved on the Government Stamp (in white letters on a red ground), affixed to every genuine package by order of Her Majesty's Hon Commissioners, and without which it is a forgery.
IT FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE.
Clarke's Blood Mixture
THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER,
IS WARRANTED TO CLEAR THE BLOOD from all impurities from whatever cause arising.
For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, Blackheads, Pimples, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent Cure. It Cures Old Sores.
Cures Sores on the Neck.
Cures Sore Legs.
Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face.
Cures Scurvy.
Cures Ulcers.
Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
Cures Glandular Swellings.
Clears the Blood from all Impure Matter.
From whatever cause arising.
It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains. It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.
As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.
Colour-Sergeant Instructor Jno. Howarth Cheshire Regiment, Chester, writes: "I suffered from Rheumatism in my arms and legs for over five years. I also had a bruised shin bone, through not which I could rest only for a few minutes at a time. All sorts of remedies were applied, but none did any good for more than a few days. After a while I was recommended to try 'Clarke's Blood Mixture,' which I did, and on taking the first bottle I felt relief. I therefore continued with this excellent medicine, and it effected a perfect cure. This was more than a year ago and I am pleased to say I have not felt the least pain since—in fact, I am in as good health as ever I was in my life.
"Moreover, I tolp two friends of mine who were laid up with Rheumatism of my case, and they irtest 'Clarke's Blood Mixture.' They are tailors by trade, and in seven days they were at work again. They swellings. this medicine cannot be too highly praised.
"May 18, 1899."
Mr George Price, St. Margaret's-on-Thames, writes:—"I feel that I should write you a few lines in praise of Clarke's Blood Mixture. I have been suffering these last few years with Eczema and Blotches, which prevented me following my occupation, and I can safely say I have spent scores of pounds in all sorts of other medicines. A little while ago, however, I was advised by a friend of mine who has taken Clarke's Blood Mixture to try a bottle, and to my great relief I am a new man and able at the present time to go on with my business, being now quite well. In fact, I cannot give it too much praise. You are at liberty to make what use you like of this testimonial for the benefit of others who may be suffering from the same complaint.
"December 28, 1899."
THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS OF WONDERFUL CURES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.
Clarke's Blood Mixture is sold in Bottles at 2s. 9d. each, and in cases containing six times the quantity, 11s.—sufficient to effect a permanent cure in the great majority of long-standing cases—BY ALL CHEMISTS and PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS throughout the world. Proprietors, THE LINCOLN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES DRUG COMPANY, Lincoln, England. Trade Mark—"BLOOD MIXTURE."
CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE.
CAUTION.—Purchasers of Clarke's Blood Mixture should see that they get the genuine article. Worthless imitations and substitutes are sometimes palmed off by unprincipled Vendors. The words "Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England," are engraved on the Government Stamp, and "Clarke's World famed Blood Mixture" shown on the bottle, WITHOUT WHICH NONE ARE GENUINE.
THE only firm which REPAIRS Celestinas Aristons, Phœnix, Music boxes, etc., and keep in stock spare Repairing and Tuning Materials.—STEFFENAUER and Co., 5, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 28.

2 3-4 per cent Consols ..... £ 97 9-16 plus 13-32
3 per cent Rentes ..... £101 1-2 plus 1-4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan ..... £108 unchg'd.
3 1-2 per cent Govt. Securities ..... £ 63 7-8
Bar Silver in London ..... 29 5-8—1-16'
Do in New York ..... 73 7-8 unchg'd.
Exchange on London at Paris ....25'8—1-2
Do in New York ..... 4'84 7-8 plus 3-8
Discount Bank of England, 4 ..... 4 p. c. unchg'd.
Do Short London Bills ..... 4 1-8 p. c. "
Do Indian Bank Bills ..... 4 1-8 p. c. "

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £100,000.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The Bank's return for the week ending on Saturday shows the following changes:—

		Rs.
Public Deposits at the Head Office...	Inc.	2,14,744
" " " Branches...	Inc.	1,14, 917
Other "	Dec.	21,92,492
Government Securities	Inc.	55,353
Other authorised "	Dec.	78,964
Loans	Inc.	7,40,318
Bills discounted and purchased ...	Inc.	2,73,147
Balances with other Banks... ...	Dec.	27,800
Cash	Dec.	41,67,075

It will be noticed that there has been a further fall in the cash balance of the Bombay Bank to the extent of Rs. 41,67,075. Other Deposits have decreased by nearly 22 lakhs, while loans on Government Paper and Bills discounted and purchased have increased by Rs. 740,000 and Rs. 273,900.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

The Bank of England Return for the week ending 26th instant shew the following results:—

Total Bullion.....	£ 28,500,000 Dec.	£ 1,600,000
Public Deposits.....	6,800,000 Dec.	" 500,000
Other "	37,000,000 Dec.	" 1,000,000
Other Securities	29,000,000 Inc.	" 300,000
Notes and Gold... ...	16,500,000 Inc.	" 1,800,000

The Bank reserve is 38 per cent. of the liabilities.

COUNCIL BILLS.

At the weekly sale for Council Bills on India for Rs. 50,00,000, the following allotments were made:—

To Calcutta	Rs. 12,10,000
" Bombay	" 3,10,000
" Madras.	" 15,10.000

Telegraphic Transfers for Rs. 5,30,000 and Rs. 14,40,000 were allotted to Calcutta and Bombay. The minimum rate for Council Bills was 1s. 4 1-16d. and for Telegraphic Transfers 1s. 4 1-8d., at which tenders received 75 per cent. above that rate in full. The average rate for the former was 1s. 4 1-16d. for the latter. Amount to be allotted next week is Rs. 60,00,000. Extra allotments of Telegraphic Transfers on Bombay for Rs. 1,50,000 at 1s. 4 5-32d.

GOLD AND SILVER.

The following statement shews the imports into and exports from Bombay of Treasure from Foreign Countries for the week:—

	Imports. Rs.	Exports. Rs.
Gold Coins.....	3,833,606	...
Gold Bullion.....	80,092	...
Silver Coins.....	49 586	4,500
Silver Bullion.....	148,512 a	...

a Besides silver bullion of the value of Rs. 10,20,000 has been imported on Government account.

EXCHANGE.

The market opened very firm this morning after the Christmae holidays, and Bank Wire was offered at 1s. 4 1-8d. for cash. Demand opened at the same rate, but later on 1s. 4 5-32d. was done for two mails. The general rate for Credits was 1s. 4 3-8d. but 1-32 better could be got at one pence early in the morning, and later in the day the rate could not be done. There was a good inquiry for remittance, and a fair amount was done. The Banks were not good sellers for forward delivery, and the feeling prevails that the present tightness of money cannot last much longer. We quote:—

Bank Wire	1s. 4 1-8d.
" Demand	1s. 4 1-8d. to 532
3 Months' Sight Credits	1s. 4 3-8d.
" " Francs	171 1-4
" " Marks	139 3-4
30 Days' Japan	152
" Hongkong	152
" Shanghai	208

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

Business in ready paper was done this morning at Rs. 95-9, and later in the day at Rs. 95-10. The market, after the holidays, opened at Rs. 95-14 for Settlement and later on declined to Rs. 95-13, but at closing time the rate rose again to Rs. 95-14, at which there were buyers. Small clean prices were sold at Rs. 96. Municipal and Port Trust Bonds are quiet at previous quotations.

PAPER CURRENCY.

The following abstract shows the accounts of the Department of Issue of Paper Currency on the 15th December 1900:—

Total amount of notes in circulation. 1n reserve

	Treasuries	Elsewhere.	Total.
Calcutta.....	Rs 71 00 000	11,63 60,945	12,35 20,945
Allahabad...	"	1,07 74,890	1,07,74,890
Lahore	"	2,03 29,270	2 03 29,270
Bombay	" 42,96,315	6,47,98 800	6,90 95,175
Karachi	"	92 90,955	92,90 955
Madras	" 7,72,945	3 05 57,455	3,13,30,420
Calicut	"	11,66 005	11,66,005
Rangoon ...	"	89.59.245	89.59,245
Total ...	Rs. 1,12,29,260	20,22,37,655	27,44,66,915

Deduct—Withdrawn from circulation by Foreign Circles and in course of remittance to Circles of Issue..... Rs. 4,98,500

Total ... Rs. 27,39,68,415

Reserve in Coin and Bullion.

	Coin.	Silver held as security for Notes under Act VIII of 1900.	Gold.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	R	Rs.
Calcutta...	1,43,41,612	19,44,197	3,55,10,4	5,17,96,274
Allahabad	50,27,575	...	18 24,52	68,51,100
Lahore ...	41,46,975	...	19.68 690	61,15 665
Bombay...	1,02 84,119	1,60,89,688	6 49 87,678	9,22,64,485
Karachi...	14.48 185	...	13.44 555	27,92,740
Madras ...	30,29,255	...	10 54,305	40,83,560
Calicut ...	1,37 240	...	1,33,005	5 60,245
Rangoon...	99,15,985	...	10,90,455	1,10,60,390
Total ..	4,86,20,906	1 89,33,885	10,79,13,678	17,54,68,469

Deduct—amount due on Bills drawn by one circle on another..... Rs. 15,00,000

Net Total ... Rs. 17,39,68,469

Price paid for Government Securities of the nominal value of Rs. 10,20,81,500 held under Indian Paper Currency Act XX of 1882..... Rs 9,99,99,940

Grant Total... Rs. 27,39,68,415

SHARES.

There has been a quiet feeling during the day, but we have no special transactions to report except that Tapti Valley shares have changed hands at Rs. 450; Petits' at Rs. 1780 to Rs. 1785, and Bombay Fire Insurance shares at Rs. 195. Other shares are unchanged.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The reports from the agricultural districts, which have come to hand up to the time of writing, are on the whole satisfactory. Cotton prinking is still in progress in many districts, and supplies of raw cotton continue to arrive at the various stations of the Punjab, North-West Provinces, Rajputana, Khandeish, &c. The Barsi and Berar crops are said to be excellent so far. The final memorandum on the cotton crop of the Deccan gives the area sown at 21 per cent. below last year and 22 per cent below the average. The estimated yield—18 per cent. below the average of the last ten years—is 1,43,000 bales. On the other hand, the second official memorandum on the late cotton crop of Guzerat, Carnatic and Sind gives a rate of 37 per cent. over last year's area, though even this is still 22 per cent. below the quinquennial average. In the Bombay Presidency the wheat crop is flourishing and a larger area has been sown this year in the distrtics of the Punjab. Food grains are doing well, and Rabi crop prospects are generally good. Rapeseed, however, requires more rain in some neighbourhoods. In Bengal the early cessation of rain has prejudicially affected the winter rice crop in some parts of the province. The spring crops, however, are all doing well. Unsettled weather has prevailed in the North-West Provinces and Oudh, giving moderate and seasonable showers throughout the provinces, except in the South-Eastern and Eastern submontane districts. The rain has considerably benefited the standing crops and poppy which are thriving. Threshing and winnowing of late rice and pressing of sugar-cane continue. In the Punjab, the reports to hand state that the prices of spring crops, including wheat, again show a tendency to rise. The autumn crops have mostly been harvested and stored, but harvesting operations still continue in certain parts. Light showers have fallen in the Central Provinces, but more rain is required for the wheat crop in Bilaspur and the Southern districts. Owing to the recent cloudy weather insects have appeared in most districts and appreciable damage has been caused to pulse and linseed. It is reported from Berar that wheat has been considerably damaged by insects. In Central India agricultural operations are in progress everywhere and the standing crops and probable outturn generally good. In Rajputana some damage is reported, due to hailstones and cold winds. The absence of rain is every week telling more and more upon standing crops in Hyderabad, and agricultural prospects have, in consequence, been uncheerful.

COTTON.

Reuter telegraphs to-day that the Liverpool Cotton market closed quiet; Surats were quiet. Total sales 6,000 bales. Sold on speculation and export 500 bales. Surats nil. Imports 108,000 bales. Spot 5 1-2 unchanged. Arrivals closed quiet but steady.

Liverpool Futures—

Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	March.-April.	June.-July
5'25	5'23	5'13	5'5
	5—1-64	—2-64	—2-64

In New York the receipts at the ports were 48,000 bales.
Last year 30,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain 8,000 bales.
Do. Continent 19,000 bales.
Mid.-Uplands ..... 10 5-16 unchanged.
Futures month of March ..... 9'37 plus 4
Do. do. June..... 9'35 plus 3

In spite of the holidays the past week has been a fairly busy one and a considerable amount of business has been done both by shippers and Mills. Japan buyers were almost daily in the market and took some decent lines. The brisk demand has had a very steadying effect on our market, which was beginning to feel the deffect of the large daily arrivals and, we close distinctly firmer than we have been all the week. Prices are a rupee or two higher than they were last week at this time, except Bengal's, which are quoted Rs. 5 to 6 higher. The quality of the Bengals now being tendered against entracts, both for ginned and churka is most unsatisfactory, no improvement being noticeable since the commencement of the season, and the Marwadis say that rain having fallen very recently in many Begal districts much improvement must not be looked for.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed cotton, with the equivalents in sterling, cost and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz:—

	Per Candy Rs.	Per lb. C. & F
Bengal, Fine	191	3 61-64d.
Do F. G.	180	3 47-64d.
Belatee, Fine	263	4 3-16d.
Do F. G.	237	4 1-64d.
Khandesh, F. G.	195	4 1-32d.
Oomra F. G.	210	4 21-64d.
Bhowngagar Fine, March-April	221	4 37-64d.
Do Good, May	197	4 3-32d.
S. G. Dharwar, Good, May	223	4 39-64d.
Westerns, May	213	4 13-32d.
Broach, Fine, March	234	4 27-32d.
Do Good, March	222	4 19-32d.

The movements of cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two seasons:—

Receipts.	1900. Bales.	1899. Bales.	1898. Bales.
For the week	53,269	38,093	68,187
From 1st Jan. to 27th Dec.	848,019	2,040,163	1,883,179
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	19,741	...	257
From 1st Jan. to 27th Dec.	225,278	495,242	474,691
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	8,042	2,569	41,206
From 1st Jan to 27th Dec.	192,373	560,876	491,761

The following statistics will be of interest:—

	1900	1899	Difference
Receipts for the week ending 26th Dec.	63,253	40,471	plus 22,782
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 26th December. .	2,69,352	2,98,676	—28,824
Shipments for the week to Europe	14,211	.....	plus 14,211
Japan, China and Coast Ports	8,301	2,559	plus 5,782
Total	22,512	2,559	plus 19,943
Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 26th Dec.—			
Europe	83,472	4,926	plus 78, 549
Japan ...	15,693	95,286	—79,593
China	3,203	13,852	—10,650
Coast Ports...	7,692	2,529	plus 5,163
Total ...	110,059	116,593	—6,534
Afloat in Harbour, Europe	14,699	5,625	plus 9,074
Japan, China and Coast Ports	578	11,148	—10,870

Total exports from Bombay by G. I. P. Ry. from 1st Oct. 1899 to 30th Sept. 1900..... 1,307 bales
Do. by B. B. and C. I. Ry. from 1st Oct. 1899 to 30th Sept. 1900 ..... 33,194 bales
Do. by G. I. P. Ry. from 1st Oct to 24th Nov. 1900 ..... 1,342 bales
Do by B B and C I R from 1st Oct. to 13th Oct, 1900 .. 3,010 bales

AMERICAN COTTON.

Undoubtedly the weak points in the cotton situation are the large falling off in the short interest of late and the fact that the outside public are not buying with anything like the avidity of last season at the height of the excitement. Some of the bears maintain that Mr. Neill is all wrong, just as he was last season, and that the crop, so far from being only 9,500,000 to 9,750,000 bales, is really much nearer, if not fully, 10,500,000. The present high prices, moreover, it is urged, discount anything bullish in the prospective situation. But Mr. Neill's statement that the visible and invisible supply on September 1st next will be 630,000 bales less than on the same date in 1900, when it was the smallest on record, has certainly made the bears nervous. Receipts when the last mail left home were light, and it was argued that the holding back of cotton would not fully account for the smallness of the movement. Cotton goods were, however, in better demand, and in some cases they had advanced in price. Some of the American statisticians say that there is a loss this season of 14 lbs. in the average weight of the bales, which on a crop of 10,000,000 bales would mean a loss of 300,000 bales. The Continent and Liverpool had been buying in New York quite freely though not a little of the business had been for arbitrage account. New Orleans has also been an aggressive buyer from time to time The Stock exchang "boom" continnes and there are those who believe that sooner or later there will be an overflow of speeculation from Wall Street which will do much towards putting up prices of Cotton. In the South not a few farmers have their ideas fixed on 11c or 12c Cotton before the season is over. The bears are inclined to proceed very cautiously and even the boldest of them trade only for quick urns.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

THE market in Bombay for wheat has been steady during the week, without any change in prices, White Delhi to-day standing at Rs. 4-5-9 April-May.

LINSEED is quiet; Bold ready is selling at Rs. 9-9 and for April delivery at Rs. 8-7-6, bazar terms.

POPPYSEED.—The market is firmer for ready stuff and quiet for forward contracts. Some export firms are said to be buying at current prices, which are: Ready Rs. 8-14-0, Rs. 7-9-6 bazaar terms; Rs. 7-11 April-May.

CASTORSEED is firm for ready sales and there are one or two European buyers in the market at following rates:—Ready Rs. 38-8; April-May Rs. 33-12-0.

THE GINGELLYSEED market is firm and good enquiry prevails, several lots having been taken up from shipment. The rates are New, 85 per cent. Rs. 43-8; 75 per cent. Rs. 42-8; 50 per cent. Rs. 41; Red Rs. 40.

RAPESEED is quiet and the quotations are Brown Cawnpore Rs. 8-4-0 ready; Delhi (Brown) Rs. 6-6; Yellow Cawnpore Rs. 6-14; Yellow Guzarat Rs. 7-10-0.

The home market for Linseed, as advised by Reuter this morning, is steady and the price to-day is 1s. 4 1-2d. lower than our last quotations. Business at the above rate has been done from Dunkirk, April-May shipment.

Rapeseed, Yellow Cawnpore and Brown, is easier and the quotations have given way 3d. and 1s. respectively. The rates to-day being 41 3-4 and 37 3-4. There are sellers for Havre, Antwerp and Dunkirk. April-May shipment. The quantity of Wheat afloat for the United Kingdom was 19,90,000 qrs.

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under:—

	1900. cwts.	1899. cwts.	1898. cwts.
Wheat for the week	49,047	13,107	94,790
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec.	2,434,124	5,022,655	8,147,297
Linseed for the week	6,055	2,789	24,315
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec.	764,129	2,081,306	2,614,307
Rapeseed for the week	1,627	3,318	13,528
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec.	631,612	1,934,837	2,135,382
Gingellyseed for the week	103,734	144,267	153,091
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec..	1,735,375	1,933,346	2,187,813

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1900. cwts.	1899. cwts.	1898. cwts.
Wheat for the week	.....	.....	38,201
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec...	601	2,852,857	5,753,131
Linseed for the week	3,003	...	10,758
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec...	809,128	2,115,098	2,702,399
Rapeseed for the week	5,021	.....	.....
Do from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec ...	1,051,096	1,969,676	2,368,395
Gingellyseed for the week.....	91,457	.....	15,599
Do. from 1st Jan. to 27th Dec.	1,573,917	1,542,012	1,738,333

PIECE-GOODS AND YARNS.

During the holidays the bazaar has been very steady in price with little business doing and no improvement in up-country demand. The total sales during the week have amounted to 2,500 packages, of which 1,200 bales have been of local manufacture. Local Yarns are in moderate demand.

GREY GOODS.—The Christmas holidays have somewhat interfered with business in these Goods, and up-country buyers and Bazar dealers are in the same position as this day last week. Rates show no quotable alteration.

BLEACHED GOODS.—Cawnpore reports more activity in Jaconnets, but this has led to no actual increase in business. A certain importing firm is reported to be trying to move off a large quantity of Jaconets of its own holding.

DYED PIECE GOODS, TURKEY RED AND LOCAL GOODS.—The market in these Goods has not changed during the week. The rates for Indian made Piece-Goods are:—

	Net rates per lb. as. cents.		as cents.
T Cloths	7·50	to	8·00
Do	7·25	to	7·75
Long Cloths	7·25	to	8·00
Do	7·25	to	8·00
Domestics	7·00	to	7·50
Do	7·00	to	7·50
Chudders	7·00	to	7·50
Do	7·00	to	7·50
Plain Dhoties	7·50	to	7·75
Do	7·50	to	7·75
Red Bordered Dhoties.....	7·75	to	8·00
Do	7·75	to	8·00
Dhoties with Fancy Borders.....	7·75	to	8·25
Scout-Gray with coloured lines ..	7·75	to	8·25
Chocks	8·00	to	10·00
Drills, Grey	7·25	to	7·50
Towells and Napkins (different sizes).....	7·50	to	8·00

TWIST.—There has been no change in the position of English yarns, and home prices are so high that no business is practicable. Up-country demand is very insignificant and what little there is, is supplied by local productions which are comparatively much cheaper.

IN LOCAL YARNS a certain amount of enquiry continues for No. 16's and 20's of good makes and fair rates are being offered for these counts. The quotations to-day are as follows:—

Market:—Weak.

Twist.....	No. 6s Mule, As.	4	to 4 3-1 p.lb.
"	" 8s " "	4-1-8	" 4 7-8 "
"	" 10s " "	4 1-2	" 5 3-16 "
"	" 12s " "	4 3-4	" 5 3-8 "
"	" 16s " "	5 3-8	" 5 5-8 "
"	" 20s " "	5 1-2	" 6 "
"	" 24s " "	6	" 6 1-4 "
"	" 30s " "	6 3-1	" 7 3-8 "
"	" 40s " "	8 1-4	" 9 "

METALS.

YELLOW METAL.—There is a small steady demand for this metal and prices are firm. A sale of 100 Bundles is reported at £63-10-0, free in harbour terms.

COPPER is quiet with a slow demand and prices are unchanged. No sale is reported by first hands.

IRON continues steady but the eagerness of holders to realize prevents any rise. Lower prices in Europe also act as a dread and native dealers are afraid of doing fresh business.

FREIGHT.

The market has been practically closed during the week owing to the Christmas holidays and rates remain unchanged. Speculators are asking 6 pence higher all round, but we have heard of no fresh business except a small lot for Havre and Venice at 15 shillings. Our quotations to-day are as follows:—

Ports.	Ready. Wheat	Seeds or Myrabolams.	Forward. Cotton Wool.	Jan. 1901 Wheat Seeds & Cotton.
Liverpool	40 12 0	40 12 6	40 13 0	40 13 6
London	40 10 0	40 10 0	40 10 0	40 13 0
Hull	.....	.....	.....	40 14 0
Hamburg	40 13 0	40 13 6	40 14 0	40 13 6
Antwerp	40 12 0	40 12 6	40 13 0	40 13 0
Dunkirk	40 12 0	40 12 6	40 14 0	40 13 0
Havre	40 13 0	40 13 6	40 15 0	40 13 0
Marseilles	40 10 0	40 10 6	40 10 0	40 12 0
Genoa	40 12 0	40 12 6	40 13 0	40 13 6
Trieste & Venice ...	.....	40 18 0	40 18 0	40 19 0

COALS.

This market has also been closed during the week. To-day, however, we hear of one or two forward contracts at Rs. 14.8 and Rs. 14.4 Desharghur description. The quotations this evening are:—

		Ready. Rs.	Forward. Rs.
Cardiff Coal	on bunder....	33-0-0	...
Desharghur, Bengal	do	15 8-0	15- 8-0
Muir's Navigation, "	do	13- 0-0	13- 4-0
Jardine's "	do	13-12-0	13-12-0
Seebpore "	do	15- 0-0	15- 0-0
Bird's Navigation	do	13- 0-0	13-12-0
Seebpore	do	.....	14 8-0
Shaw's Best steam Coal	do	15- 0-0	15- 0-0
Do. Ordinary do.	do	14- 0-0	14- 0-0
Singarini Coal	Rail delivery.....	13- 8-0	13-12-0

KEROSINE OIL.

Since our last report, the market has declined half-an-anna, and a further fall is anticipated in view of the heavy arrivals due next week. In Bulk Oil, the deliveries during the week have been fair, and prices have declined in sympathy with Case Oil. In regard to the latter, the market, at the time of writing, is very weak with poor demand. There have been no arrivals since we last wrote on the subject, but in the interval, the deliveries have amounted 17,916 cases. The two steamers due next week have on board 303,000 cases, of which 16,000 cases per s.s. (Westward Ho), are of the Anchor Brand and 143,000 cases (per s.s. Valentia) of the Ram Brand. As regards Bulk oil, the market has been rather weak, but there has been a good demand with fair deliveries. The s.s. Bullmouth—to which we referred last week—has arrived with 2,000 tons. The price today for Bulk Oil in new tins of local manufacture is Rs. 3-10. The other quotations are as follows:—, Snow dake 150, Rs. 5-10; Anchor 125 °, Rs. 3-12 (transhipment) Rs. 3-13 (godown delivery) Crown 125 ° Rs. 3-12-6; Ram 125 ° Rs. 3-12-6; there are no stocks of tiger, Elephant, Moon, and Rising Sun descriptions.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week-ending 22nd December, as compared with the statement of 15th December:—

LIABILITIES.	Dec. 15. Rs.	Dec. 22. Rs.
Capital	100,00,000	100,00,000
Reserve Fund	70,00,000	70,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	45,56,870	47,71,614
Do. at Branches	29,40,748	30,55,685
Other Deposits	453,91,629	4,36,99,137
Post Bills	10,054	10,054
Credits undrawn	25,40,165	18,10,557
Rs...	729,39,466	703,47,327
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	73,95,489	74,50,842
Other authorised Securities	15,20,368	14,41,907
Credits, on Govt and other authorised Securities	65,23,459	71,36,226
Loans do. do. do.	234,72,502	2,42,12,820
Bills Discounted and purchased ...	183,86,980	1,88,60,127
Dead Stock	3,88,632	3,88,632
Stamps and Stationery	20,560	20,772
Bullion	...	...
Balances with other Banks	3,70,395	3,42,595
Cash	146,50,481	1,01,83,406
Rs..	729,39,466	7,03,47,327

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BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c. & 2 bon.	1260
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,275
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,020
Commercial	10,000 }	100	{ 100	nil	65
Bank of India.	15,000 }		{ 75		
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	20	all	3 pr. ct.	
Charter Bank.	40,000	420	420	10 pr. ct.	16231
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	21-10-0	
National Bank of India	40,000	625	6121-2	8 pr. ct.	
MISCELLANEOUS.			Half	yearly	
Wylock Association	1,750	100	100	div Rs10	195xd
Back Bay	500	50	50	12	35
Badham Pile... ...	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	159
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's s s Ayala, 2,388 tons, Captain J W Langworthy, arrived in harbour on Thursday from Calcutta, 16th December, with a cargo of coal.

THE Eastern Telegraph Company's cable steamer Electra, 659 tons, Captain Robert Gresy, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Aden, 18th December, with telegraph cable.

THE B I S N Co's s s Goa, 1,217 tons, Captain D L Nielson, sailed yesterday, for Zanzibar, &c., with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mrs Kurdali and daughter, Mr G B Wartoke, wife and three children, Conductor Lancew and 13 natives and 239 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Pamba, 986 tons, Captain P H Martyr, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening, from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 33 cases opium, 46 horses, and the following passengers:—Mr Mahomed Latif and son, Mr Mahomed Ali Ailbhoy, Shaik Alana and son, Captain Bolleau, Mr Young, Mr Coore, Mr Parmanand, Miss Fido, Mr Mahomed Ayad, Mr A B Hanessey, one Arab, Mr Kershaw, Shaik Saleh, Shaik Hoosein, Mr Jafferbhoy, Mr B Goray, Mr Ismailkhan and 98 deck.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DECEMBER 28.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent
Tenasserim			Greet		Receiving Hulk
Magdala			Greet		Turret-ship
Abyssinia			Greet	West Basin	Turret-ship
Plassy					Torpedo Catcher
Assaye			Coates		Torpedo Catcher
Sphinx			Phillips		Royal Navy
Forerie		2591	White		M M & Co
Culna		1464	Hill		M M & Co
Barawa		234	Jaffer		M M & Co
Khandalla		1318	Metcalfe		M M & Co
Dragoman		2215	Waters		M M & Co
Sirdar		2-94	Rawlings		Bombay & Co
Simla		1040	Bainbridge	P Gulf	M M & Co
Ballaarat		2869	Field		P & O Co
Nawab		2041	Crebbin	Calcutta, &c.	T Morrison & Co
Kilwa		893	Whitehead		M M & Co
Hibernia		15 6	Milne		A Montcleieff
Oriental		3084	Jephson		P & O Co
Scindia		2250	Gruchet	Calcutta	M M & Co
St Ninian		1938	Ramsay		M M & Co
Itinda		2382	Clarke		M M & Co
Pooda		986	Martyr		M M & Co
Ayala		2388	Langworthy		M M & Co
Electra		655	Grley		E T Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 28.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Itinda	3362	Clarke	Not fixed		M M & Co
B	Dido	3127	Pickerin	Antwerp	10-1	P Muir & Co
F	Radenburg	1616	Bradung	Hamburg	1-1	Glade & Co
H&J	Adelina Patti	1988	Sinclair	Marseilles	4-1	M M & Co
D	Berk Hall	2737	Peterson	Antwerp	10-1	J Mackintosh
N	Olivemoor	1920	Jones	Calcutta		M M & Co

(Transport).

L	Umballa	3426	Campbell	Jubaland		N F M M & Co
P	Fultala	2642	Cave	Somaliland	29-12	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Mahanadi		547	Budroe	M Goa	28-12	Sheprd & Co
Sabermati		324	Fakoer	Karachi	29-12	Do
Ponani		502	Fakir	Bhownagar	29-12	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.*	Agent
2	Massilia	2903	Leyon	Ching	1-1	P & O S N Co
4	Galila	2289	Costa	Marseilles	0-1	W & A G & Co
3	Tientsin	2555	Bennet	Japan	7-1	P & O S N Co
5	Yuensang	2284	Vibert	China	1-1	P & O S N Co
7	Imperatrix	2332	Bellenl	Trieste	1-1	A L S N Co
9	Patia	3523		London	5-1	P & O S N Co
13	Robinson	411	Wilmer	London	29-12	P & O S N Co
14	Kola	497	Robertson	Kurrachee	29-12	M M & Co
15	City of Lucknow	2370	Morrison	Liverpool	7-1	F & Co
16	Booldana	2362	Wood	Repairing		M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Amra		170	Pigott	Kurrachee	1-1	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
27	Pemba s	Martyr	Buscrh, Dec 15.
28	Ayala s	Langworthy	Calcutta, Dec 16.
28	Electra s	Grley	Aden, Dec 18.

DEPARTURE.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
28	Goa s	Nielson	Zanzibar, &c.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Sirdar, for London, Trieste, &c.
" Massilia, for China.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 15th December 1900, on 461 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	1,03,000	2,13,000	4,000	3,20,000
Or per mile of Railway	223	462	9	694
For previous 23 weeks of half-year	22,06,598	42,11,759	62,329	64,83,686
Total for 24 weeks	23,09,598	44,27,759	66,329	68,03,686
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	95,616	2,34,095	5,332	3,35,018
Per mile of Ry. do.	207	508	12	727
Total to corresponding date do.	21,65,637	51,31,053	60,907	73,57,637

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 15,043
Do. to date ..... " 5,53,951

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch Rewari-Bhatinda and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 15th December 1900, on 1644·29 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,00,000	3,99,000	7,000	5,06,000
Or per mile of Railway	61	243	4	308
For previous 23 weeks of half-year	25,72,506	68,61,018	1,31,021	95,62,545
Total for 24 weeks	26,70,506	72,60,018	1,38,021	1,00,68,545
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,21,434	4,39,339	5,653	5,66,426
Per mile of Ry. do.	74	267	3	344
Total to corresponding date do.	26,58,786	85,81,162	1,55,527	1,13,95,475

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 60,426
Do. to date ..... " 13,26,930

FEROZEPORE-BHATINDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 15th December 1900, on 94·36 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic, Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic, Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated).	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	2,500	7,000	...	9,500
Or per mile of Railway	46	129	...	175
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	67,625	98,701	...	1,66,326
Total for 73 weeks	70,125	1,05,701	..	1,75,826
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	4,231	5,352	...	9,583
Per mile of Ry. do.	78	98	...	176
Total to corresponding date do.	80,854	1,15,796	..	2,06,650

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 83
Do. to date ..... " 30,824

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 15th December 1900, on 172·8 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
otal traffic for the week	300	200	...	500
Or per mile of Railway	17	12	...	29
For previous 23 weeks of half-year	8,541	4,267	38	12,846
Total for 24 weeks	8,841	4,467	38	13,346
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	402	5,260	4	5,666
Per mile of Ry. do.	23	305	..	328
Total to corresponding date do.	9,416	12,573	55	22,044

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 5,166
Do. to date ..... " 8,698

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 15th December 1900, on 141·14 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	5,000	16,000	...	21,000
Or per mile of Railway	36	113	...	149
For previous 23 weeks of half-year.	1,12,254	4,06,101	3,834	5,22,189
Total for 24 weeks	1,17,254	4,22,101	3,834	5,43,189
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,644	25,589	47	29,280
Per mile of Ry. do.	26	181	.....	207
Total to corresponding date do.	84,668	3,75,186	3,870	4,63,724

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 8,280
Increase to date ..... " 79,465

G. I. P RAILWAY.

Open 1,560·56 Miles.

THE following is the statement of traffic, for the week ending 8th December, 1900.

	Coaching Traffic.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.	Other Earnings Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Receipts.	Receipts.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Corresponding week last Year. Open 1,491½ miles.	1,37,490	7,79,576	7,193	9,47,709
	...	...	...	7,67,812

Gross Rs. 1,81,897.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DIVINE SERVICE.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 30TH DECEMBER.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral.)—Merbecke.
Hymns—26, 62, 319, and 395.
5 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Hymns—165 and 223.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis—Woodward in A.
Anthem—" In Splendour bright."—Hayden.
The collections are for the Sunday School Fund.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 4-45 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Lord Bishop of Bombay.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Introit, No. 60—Missa Cantata (Merbecke)
Hymns—175, 321 and 182.
Nunc Dimittis—Ponus Peregrinus.
11 a.m.—Choral, Matins and Sermon (Parade Service).
Hymns—160, 165, and 268.
6 p.m.—Choral Evensong and Sermon,—CanticlersBunnett
Hymns—449, 535, 179 and 379.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.

(Near School of Art.)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Hymns—59, 319, and 595.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns—62, 155 and 56.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

(Colaba Causeway.)

7-30 a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher, Rev. W. Sced.
6 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. Edw. Martin.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Social Hour.

(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)

9-30 a.m.—Preacher, Mr. Cushon.
6 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. W. Sced.

UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Hymns—297, 180, and 294. Psalm 103.
11 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

MISSION CHURCH GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon by Rev. H. McNeile.
4-30 p.m.—Service for the young.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. A. Roberts.

SEAMEN'S CHAPEL (THE SEAMEN'S REST.)

Frere Road, outside Victoria Dock.

(Rev. and Mrs. F. Wood, Seamen's Missionaries.)

7-30 p.m.—Service of Sacred Song.
8 p.m.—Bethel Service and sermon.
A hearty welcome is extended to all Seamen and Strangers in the Port.

NEW YEAR'S EVE (Monday, Dec. 31.)

10 p.m.—Watch Night Service.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral).—Preacher, Rev. Father Tovey.
10 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m. Evensong (Choral), and Carols.—Preacher, Rev. Father Hiscoe.
Alms for Church Expenses.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service—Psalm 90, and 14-17 tune 76.
Hymns—1, 237, 309 and 238.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service,—Psalm 23, tune 164.
Hymn—97, 309, 297 and 229.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

8-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—172, 309, 322 and 324.
4-15 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Anthem Nazareth (Gound)
Hymns—256 and 31.
Monday Dec. 31.
8-15 p.m.—Evensong and Address. Hymns—283, 289, and 72.

ST. NICHOLAS SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
The north door of the Church is open every day till sunset for private prayer.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY CAPTAIN T. A. SAVAGE, COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 29th December.

1. The Transport conveying Lumsdens' Horse not having arrived on the morning of the 28th instant, the Battalion will parade at the Victoria terminus at 7-15 a.m. this morning (Saturday) the 29th instant.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Captain,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 28TH OF DECEMBER

SUMMARY.

There has been a brisk rise of pressure in Central India, Rajputana and as Jacobabad, Jhansi and Saugor, a brisk fall at Sholapur, and slight changes elsewhere. Readings are highest in Rajputana and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderate to slight.

Winds are northerly on the Coromandel Coast and at Malegaon, Aurangabad, Bhavnagar Para and Jaypore, south-westerly or north-westerly in the Punjab and North West Provinces, and north-easterly or south-easterly elsewhere. The force has been moderate to light.

The variations of temperature show that the day temperature is falling below normal in Sind, Gujarat, Rajputana, the Punjab, North-West Provinces, Central India, along the West Coast and at Jubulpore, Saugor and Hoshangabad; but elsewhere both the day and night temperatures are in excess. The highest temperature in the shade was 94° at Cochin and the lowest 40° at Sirsa.

Humidity changes are unimportant and the skies are cloudy at Cawnpore, Hoshangabad, Nagpur, Amraoti, Akola and Coimbatore.

Rain amounting to about a quarter of an inch has fallen at Jubulpore.

Weather is fine generally. In the Madras Presidency there are slight indications of weather becoming cloudy.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 27th December, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah. ..... inches	29·962
Temperature of the Air ..... degree	75·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	68·6
Dew Point	65·2
Relative humidity of Air	0·707
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10) ...	5·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ..... degrees	81·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	69·0
General Direction of wind	N. E. ENE. WNW, NW. NNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours' ..... miles	218

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIHT—December 27.

10 p.m. ..... 73·9

FRIDAY—December 28.

1 a.m. ..... 67·7
10 a.m. ..... 73·6
2 p.m. ..... 78·9
4 p.m. ..... 29·3

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 28th December.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	..	..	..	..	..
Teheran	26	2	34 p.m.	0	35
Suez	26	2	35 am	0	39

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 28th December.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	..	56	0	5
" Karachi	0	32	0	1
" Madras	0	23	0	15

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

HEMINGWAY—December 22, at Mackay's Gardens, Cathedral, Madras, the wife of F R Hemingway, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BARKER—GIBSON—December 24, at Holy Trinity Church, Allahabad, Philip Lenquevibe Barker of the Indian Civil Service, son of the Rev F Barker of S Giles Rectory, Salisbury, to Edith Agnes Gibson, daughter of the late Rev Henry Atkinson Gibson, of Linslad's, Bucks.

LAWRENSON—BUTLER—December 22, at the Catholic Cathedral, Armenian Street Madras, by the Most Rev Archbishop Colgan, D D, Captain Thomas George Pasley Lawrenson, 6th Regiment, Madras Infantry, son of the late Richard Charles Pasley Lawrenson, Fleet Surgeon, Royal Navy, to Louisa Mary, eldest daughter of Colonel J W S Butler, Indian Staff Corps, of Roslin, Terenure Road, Dublin.

DEATHS.

RICKETTS—December 18, at Ajmere, Rajputana, George Robert Gough, infant son of Lieut and Mrs R L Ricketts, aged 11 months.

WELLS—December 23, at Moville, Coonoor, Nilgiris, widow of the late John Wells, Tellicherry, aged 72 years and 10 months.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** All communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1900.

Of the many kingdoms that flourished in India and which have excited even in their ruins the interest and admiration of historians and travellers, perhaps Vijayanagar stands as high as any for deeds of prowess and the splendour of its regal state. In "A Forgotten Empire," Mr. Robert Sewell, of the Madras Civil Service, has given us a history of what was for two hundred and fifty years the magnificent seat and centre of a powerful kingdom. In 1336, while Edward III. reigned in England, Vijayanagar was founded. The smaller Hindu dynasties that had hitherto reigned in Southern India had become weak and in the north the Mahomedans had grown in power and with their dauntless enterprise were resolved to conquer all India. They had come as far as the Krishna river. The kings of Vijayanagar being of a robust and fighting race, gathered all the Hindus of the south under their standard and made head against the Mussulmans. The traveller now sees in the ruins near the little village of Hampe the remains of all that once was the proud city of Vijayanagar, a place that European travellers of the sixteenth century describe as exceeding in riches and magnificence any Western capital. Its trade was such that the Portuguese on the western coast fought and struggled to secure it, and when Vijayanagar fell, Goa of the Portuguese fell too, never to rise again. Mediæval historians have given us records of the chief sovereigns who ruled in the "City of Victory," and Mahomedan writers told much about it, but restrained the ardor of their admiration lest they should displease their own lords who were ever at war with the Hindus. We have the inscriptions, which though immutable, offer little but names and dates to the antiquarian. Paes who wrote from India—probably from Goa—to Portugal about 1537, when many of the glories of Vijayanagar were at their height, and Nuniz who indited a history of the Kings of Biswaga about the same time, afford most information of the condition of the city and the Empire in the sixteenth century. Mr. Sewell has given these chronicles at the end of the volume, and has besides industriously collected all available materials from other authorities, so that a regular history of the Empire may be written hereafter. He has known how to interest us in the past glories of the birth and state of that kingdom. They are now but shadows, and it is difficult to believe, that they were substantial things before the internal weakness of the later self-indulgent rulers prepared the way for Mahomedan and subsequently Mahratta conquest. The struggle against the different Sultans, who bore down from the north, continued for two hundred and fifty years. The story is ever of battles, of marchings and counter-marchings, of slaughter by the victorious generals and kings, and raising up and deposing of monarchs, very much in the manner of any other nation of antiquity, but that here we deal in vaster numbers, and in wealth and luxury unprecedented. Of a battle in 1366 between Bukka of Vijayanagar and Muhammad of Kulburga it is recorded that the latter was victorious. He had sworn to slaughter one hundred thousand Hindus, and easily doubled that number, nor was he satisfied until Bukka submitted and paid an indemnity. Then Muhammad said "Praise be to God that what I ordered has been performed. I would not let a light word be recorded of me in the pages of time." It was his proud boast that he had slaughtered 500,000 Hindus. There was peace for a while after this, but another Sultan arose and fought campaigns with varying success. The kings were not always fighting, they erected wondrous temples, pavilions, palaces, halls, and constructed huge dams, and aqueducts, one of which, fifteen miles long, waters the fields to this day.

Krishna Deva Raja was the greatest of the Vijayanagar Kings. He is described by Paes as an absolute sovereign of extensive power and strong personal influence, a man of noble presence, able, brave and statesmanlike, gentle and generous in character. In his reign much was done to beautify the city as well as to extend the Kingdom. In 1419 there was war between the Sultan of Kulburga and Deva Raja II. of Vijayanagar. This time the Hindus were victors and made a general massacre of the Mussalmans, erecting a ghastly platform of heads on the field of battle. They wasted the country of the Sultan with fire and sword, and slaughtered mercilessly "seeming to discharge the treasured malice and resentment of ages." At Talikota was fought the battle that brought disaster to Vijayanagar in 1565. Rama Raja, the king, was ninety-six years old, but full of energy, and did not let the idea of defeat near him. He insisted on seating himself on the field of battle, on a rich jewelled throne, ordered his treasurer to place heaps of money all round him, so that he might reward his followers if they deserved it. But Ibrahim of Golconda and Adil Shah had taken their measures for victory too, and both sides fought well. At last, five thousand Mahomedan Cavalry cut their way to where Rama Raja was. He was hastily placed in his litter, but the bearers in terror let him fall and before he could mount a horse he was seized, taken prisoner and carried to the Sultan who had him decapitated and his head placed on a long pole. The Vijayanagar troops gave way to panic, turned and fled; they were pursued and slaughtered till the river was dyed red with their blood. Over one hundred thousand were slain in fight and in the pursuit. The rout was complete. So great was the plunder that every private man in the Mahomedan army "became rich in gold, jewels, effects, tents, arms, horses, and slaves," as the Sultans only appropriated elephants for themselves.

When the news of the defeat arrived at the capital the panic-stricken royal princes carried off "five hundred and fifty elephants, laden with gold, diamonds and precious stones valued at more than a hundred million sterling." Next day arrived hordes of robbers and jungle people who pounced on the unhappy city, and looted stores and shops. On the third day the Mussalmans arrived and slaughtered the people without mercy, broke down temples and palaces, and wreaked such savage vengeance on the abode of the kings that, with the exception of a few great stone-built temples and walls, nothing now remains but a heap of ruins to mark the spot where once the stately buildings stood, "they lit huge fires in the magnificently-decorated temple near the river, and smashed its exquisite stone-sculptures. With fire and sword, with crowbars and axes they carried on day after day their work of destruction. Never, perhaps, in the history of the world had such havoc been wrought, and wrought so suddenly on such a splendid city; teeming with a wealthy and industrious population in the full plenitude of prosperity one day, and on the next seized, pillaged, and reduced to ruins, amid scenes of savage massacre and horrors beggaring description." Paes wrote graphically of the city in its halcyon days:—"You have a broad and beautiful street, full of rows of fine houses and it is to be understood that the houses belong to men rich enough to afford such. In this street live many merchants, and there you will find all sorts of rubies and diamonds and emeralds and pearls, and seed-pearls and cloths and every other sort of thing there is on earth and that you may wish to buy. There are temples in every street. In this city you will find men belonging to every nation and every people, because of the great trade which it has, and the many precious stones there, principally diamonds. The size of the city I do not write here, because it cannot all be seen from any one spot. The people in this city are countless in number, so much so that I do not wish to write it down for fear it should be thought fabulous; but I declare that no troops, horse or foot, could break their way through any street or lane, so great are the number of the people and elephants." After a review of the troops Paes declares that he was so carried out of himself by the endless glory of it that he seemed to see visions and dreams. He desires us to know that the King had a million fighting troops of whom 35,000 were cavalry in armour, they were always together and ready to be despatched anywhere. But he ruled over others besides soldiers. There were "working people and all kinds of men employed in business" and Brahmans, who do not eat anything that suffers death, and "have little stomach for the use of arms." The King maintained his army thus; each of his captains was a wealthy man and "laboured to turn out the best troops he could get, for he paid them their salaries" and Paes did not see one among them that would act the coward. The King had for his personal use eight hundred elephants and five hundred horses. The supplies for the unexpected needs of the kingdom were ingeniously provided. Every king maintained a treasury, a kind of private savings bank, which when he died, was locked and sealed and neither seen nor opened by any one, not even by the incoming monarch, who started his own treasury by placing in it ten million pardoes every year, taking out only the trifling sum he required for his household expenses. When we remember that his wives and their households—numbering altogether twelve thousand women, had to be supported and bejewelled, the wonder is that there was any treasure left. But Vijayanagar is now only a congeries of ruins, and the descendants of its kings are indistinguishable from the simple dwellers in hamlets.

THERE are several points of interest in the report of the Excise Department of Burma that should give pause to advocates of temperance. To begin with the gross excise revenue last year amounted to Rs. 53,10,221, an increase of over five and a quarter lakhs compared with the previous year. There is evidence, too, that the Department was defrauded of a considerable amount of revenue by the illicit trade in intoxicants. The revenue was about equally realised from liquors and drugs and other features of the report prove the well-known fact that when one medium of inebriation cannot be obtained resort will be had to intoxication in another form. In this matter, especially, is necessity the mother of invention and the spur of ingenuity. Among the variety of liquors and drugs, which are the "particular poisons" of the Burmans, a liquor called "hlawzaye," which is a rice beer, is now in great demand by the labouring classes. It sells readily in the districts of Bhamo, Ruby Mines, and Myitkyina, and as it is stated to be less deleterious than other kinds of liquor its popularity is not entirely regarded as a matter of regret. This rice beer is cheaply and

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GENERAL KNOX ENGAGES DE WET.

ATTACK ON UTRECHT.

THE CASE OF COLONEL COLVILLE.

MARTIAL LAW IN CAPE COLONY.

LONDON, DEC. 28.

A despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, the 27th instant, states that General Knox is engaging De Wet, who holds a position at Leeuwkop and hopes to break southwards again.

The eastern force of the Boer invaders of Cape Colony were headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Venterstad, and the western force is being driven northward, partly towards Prieska and partly through Strydenburg.

The Boers attacked Utrecht yesterday night and were repulsed with some loss.

The "Evening Standard" says the Boers stripped the squadron of Yeomanry captured at Britstown, and then liberated them. Ten were wounded including the Colonel.

The Boers also suffered some loss.

Martial law has been proclaimed in two additional districts of Cape Colony.

General Colville has been requested to resign his command at Gibraltar owing to his connection with the loss of the Yeomanry at Lindley, on the 30th May.

He has declined to resign and is returning to England.

During the past few days the Boers have attacked every garrison on the line of communications between Standerton and Ingogo and been everywhere repulsed,

Large bodies of the Boers and numerous waggons have crossed the border north and south of Vryburg and are trekking westwards. It is believed they are en route to Damaraland though they deny this.

Bodies of the enemy are all round Vryburg where the farmers have taken refuge.

General Brabant has established his headquarters at Cradock. It is believed he administers martial law.

TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, DEC. 28.

The first and third Dragoon Guards are proceeding to the Cape. They discard the lance and will be armed with the rifle and sword.

NEW ORDER FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

It is understood the Queen will shortly found a new Order of Knighthood in view of the African Campaign and on similar lines to the Star of India.

THE COLONIAL CONTINGENTS.

Mr. Chamberlain has only urged the Australian Government to maintain the strength of their contingents in South Africa.

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 28.

Up to the 1st December there have been 3,018 killed, 13,886 wounded and 7,786 died of disease, wounds, and accidents amongst the British forces in South Africa. The number in hospital in October was 4,327.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COMMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN PRESS.

The reports published in the Russian papers of Afghan mobilization and the Ameer's intentions are discredited in London,

The authorities frequently hear of the Ameer who is perfectly quiet.

The Russian press comments on the high-handed procedure of the Indian Government in the alleged establishment of garrisons at Jamrud and Chahbar in the Province of Persian with a view to dominating the Gulf of Oman.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 28.

Military Works Services.—On return from leave to India Mr McCormick, R. E., is transferred from Bombay to the Quetta District Military Works Service.

Under instructions from Army Head-quarters, Lieutenant Kirkpatrick, 1st Battalion (the East Kent Regiment, is directed to proceed at Mombassa and join the East Africa Rifles at Nyau, to which he has been appointed.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend at the Royal Artillery practice at Camp Killod, commencing on 25th January next :—Lieutenant, Collins, Merwara Battalion ; Major Tritton, Bombay Rifles, ;MajorForbes, 4th Bombay Cavalry ; Captain Jacob, 20th Hussars ; Captain Stanton, 20th Hussars ; Captain Kellett, 2nd Battalion Irish Regiment ; Captain Keown, 4th Bombay Rifles ; and Captain Walley, Deoli Irregular Force.

The undermentioned Officer has been permitted by Secretary of State for India to return to duty :—Lieutenant Goodwin, Royal Engineer.

The undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officer have been granted leave of absence :—Buffs East Regiment, 1st Battalion—Captain Barker, for months, on medical certificate, out of India ; Northern Regiment 1st Battalion—Lieutenant and Adjutant Gordon, for twelve months, on medical certificate, Government of India ; Indian Subordinate Medical Department, 4th Class—Assistant Surgeon Smith, for six months, on medical certificate.

The extension of leave has been granted to the following Officers :—4th Bombay Cavalry—Captain Newnham, for twelve days, on private affairs ; 5th Bombay Light Infantry—Captain West, for three months, on medical certificate ; 29th Bombay Infantry—Major Yate, for two months, on medical certificate.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC. 27.

The Clan line steamer Clan Robertson arrived here yesterday afternoon.

LONDON, DEC. 27.

The Clan line steamer Clan Macaulay arrived here the day before-yesterday morning.

NAPLES, DEC. 27.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer s. s. Mombassa left yesterday evening.

MARSEILLES, DEC. 27.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer s. s. Manora left here yesterdays on the afternoon of 23rd instant.

SUEZ, DEC. 27.

The Clan line steamer Clan Macdonald arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta this afternoon.

The N. Y. K. steamer Hiroshima Maru, from Colombo, is expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 27.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Wheat quiet.

Cotton Snow nugget 4 10-32.

The Manchester Market has been quiet,

2 3-4 per cent. Consols 97 9-16

3 per cent. Rentes 101 1-2

3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan..... 108

3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers..... 63 7-8

Bar Silver..... 29 5-8

The sum of about £100,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—Total Bullion £28,500,000, Decrease £1,000,000 ; Public Deposits £6,800,000, Decrease £500,000 ; Other Deposits £37,000,000 Decrease £1,000,000 ; Other Securities £30,000,000, Decrease £300,000 ; Notes and Gold £31,500,000, Decrease £1,800,000. The Bank's Reserve is 38 per cent. of the Liabilities.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

THE PEACE NEGOCIATIONS.

LONDON, DEC. 28.

A British force of 1,100 men, under Brigadier Cummins, has left Tientsin to protect the railway to Taku and cope with the Boxers, who are the same band the French defeated near Pao-ting-fu.

Li-Hung-Chang and Prince Ching have received a reply to the Joint Note. The Court objecting to the destruction of the forts and to permanent Legation Guards, it has been decided to refer back to the Court before communicating the reply to the Ministers.

OBITUARY.

Lord Armstrong is dead.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, DEC. 27.

The Bombay mails of the 15th instant arrived at Brindisi to-day.

LORD SUFFOLK'S HOUNDS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 28.

Lord Suffolk's Hounds met yesterday and after a slow hunting run of about an hour ran into their pack in the open.

LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD.

An "Indian Daily News" cablegram reports that Lord William Beresford is seriously ill of peritonitis.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN CALCUTTA.

Seven native corpses have to-day been brought to Calcutta, from a boiler explosion in one of the mills in the Rajgunj district, near Howrah, and eight more people are said to have been dangerously injured in it.

LATER.

Particulars now arrived of the disaster reported this morning show that the mortality was due not to a boiler explosion but to the escape of carbonic acid gas in the engine-house, where some of the men employed at the Portland Cement Works slept. In all six men and one boy are dead. The others appear to have recovered.

LUMSDEN'S HORSE.

The s. s. Clan Sinclair, with a second lot of Lumsden's Horse from Ceylon is due here to-morrow, and its contingent will share in the reception to be given to those arriving via Bombay. Arrangements are being made for Volunteers to form a torchlight procession to escort the latter from the station to the camp on the Maidan should they arrive after dark.

THE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA.

Mr. Stuart-Smith has won the Golf Championship of India, beating Mr. Urie in the last round.

THE MAHSUDI FINES.

Latest information from Waziristan shows that the Mahsuds are unlikely to complete the payment of the fine until after the Ramzan. The blockade meanwhile continues and everything is quiet on the border

HONORS FOR MR. BARNES.

Mr. H. S. Barnes is gazetted by the Secretary of State to the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire.

THE ONE-ANNA POSTAGE.

New Zealand is added to the list of countries for which one-anna postage from India is sanctioned.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Couchman, officiating Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, is granted six months' furlough from the 15th January.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Brigadier-General Jeffreys, Commanding the Narbudda District, is likely to proceed home on eight months' leave next spring.

AGRICULTURAL BANKS.

The various Local Governments have been addressed on the question of Agricultural Banks but their replies have not yet reached the Government of India. Orders, therefore, on this subject will not likely be issued just yet.

AN ENTOMOLOGIST TO THE INDIAN MUSEUM.

Mr. de Nicevville, the newly-appointed entomologist to the Indian Museum, will spend several months each year on tour, investigating insect pests in fields. He will also lecture annually at Dehra Dun.

THE FAMINE COMMISSION.

Mr. Butler, Secretary to the Famine Commission, is now in Calcutta, arranging for the coming tour of the members.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

SECOND DAY.

LAHORE, DEC. 28.

The Hon'ble Mr. Chandavarkar, in opening the meeting, said that he received a letter form of the manifesto jointly signed by Messrs. Wedderburn, Hume and Naorojee. He believed that this letter has been published in all the Native papers and is now engaging the attention of the Subject Committee and will be put before the Congress.

Mr. Mudholkar of Amraoti proposed a resolution that Rule No. 4 of the Constitution be amended.

Mr. Nambiar seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Subramanya Iyer, in proposing the resolution that having regard to the recurrence of famines and the decreasing power of resistance of the people the Congress prays that Government will institute a full enquiry into the economic condition of the people with a view to the adoption of practicable remedies, said that the revenues be reduced to 25 per cent.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Mudholkar.

Mr. Tilak, in supporting the resolution, said that there are two views of the cause of famine—official and Congress. The former attributes the cause to the ryots and the latter to the administration. He hoped that Government will institute an impartial enquiry to decide which view is correct.

The resolution was carried with applause.

THE Government are to be congratulated, writes the Lahore paper, in having decided to raise a new battalion of "short" Sikhs, and thus to tap a class affording first-rate material and hitherto debarred from enlistment by the obsolete prejudice in favour of tall soldiers. They are also to be commended for having declined to commit themselves to the retrograde step of enlisting a special regiment of "Scouts," Gurkhas or others, one certain result of which would have been to discourage the scouting of individual battalions and to give rise to the dangerous impression in any field force to which these special "scouts" were attached that on them alone devolved the responsibility for all work of the kind. It may be accepted as inevitable that the increase of the native army cannot stop even with this new regiment, which indeed like the two new ones already raised merely fills the gap caused by the withdrawal of others on the Indian establishment for service abroad under the Imperial Government. It is stated that sanction has already been given for two other additional battalions to be formed at once, and we may take it the result of the peace negotiations with China will be a further call for Indian troops for garrison and guard work in Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Wei-hai-wei and Pekin. When the strength of that force is finally settled, we trust that the Hongkong Regiment will be brought on to the Indian establishment to take its turn in service in this country where it can be brigaded with other troops and generally smartened up in duties impossible for it as a small local service unit. Another point connected with the raising of new regiments to replace those borrowed by the Imperial Government is that put forward by the "Pioneer" favouring the formation of a couple of railway battalions for the north-west frontier. The want of these special corps is a serious weak point in the organisation for war of the Indian army and the opportunity of supplying the deficiency should not be allowed to slip. One or two battalions might be given to the Frontier Force by reconstituting the 3rd Punjab Infantry, and the other ought to go to the Bombay army which holds the Quetta line.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

A WOMAN'S VIEWS OF WOMAN.

SOME FEMININE FICTION.

HUMAN BEAUTY ON CANVAS.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 7.

MISS HELEN GOULD, one of the wealthiest and most philanthropic women in the world, has adopted a novel plan to protect herself against the importunities of the begging-letter writer. From time to time she has an analysis of her week's correspondence drawn up and printed. This printed slip is her only reply to all who apply for a share of her millions. In one week Miss Gould received 1,303 letters. Of these 1,177 were begging letters and contained requests ranging from the founding of a colony in Cuba to releasing a watch from pawn. The specific sums mentioned in this week's correspondence amounted to over £300,000. Four persons wrote asking for help to purchase trousseaux, one calmly requesting £400 for this purpose. One young man wrote wishing the gift of a house so that he might marry at once. Eleven persons wanted pianos, thirty-five begged for old clothes, five requested sewing machines, one a monument to a parent, one a set of false teeth, three watches, two Bibles, two bicycles, and one a passage to England. Miss Gould was asked to buy 12 inventions, one ring, one brooch, one quilt, 18 pieces of embroidery, five manuscripts, five books, and various other articles. One man wanted a farm and three cows, another a photographic gallery, another wanted to sell photographs of Miss Gould for his own profit, seven wanted to name their children after her, eight wished for her autograph, fourteen wanted scholarships, fifty-three situations, and thirty-three interviews. She was politely asked for the necessary money to bring out an opera, an oratorio, and two books.

The male critic blushingly reads, and with a blush reviews, "An Englishwoman's Love Letters." Love letters of which the reader is not the recipient provoke a bashfulness in a modest mind, or (like the epistles revealed in cases of breach of promise of marriage) awake a smile. What Eloisa had to say to Abelard, what the Portuguese Nun wrote to the French officer, may be classic, but is not entertaining. The love-letters of Queen Mary to Bothwell (if she wrote them, which nobody can be quite certain about) must have bored the Lieutenant of the Marches terribly. Reams of sonnets and of prose still more affected and involved must have failed to interest a nobleman of clive habits, who was engaged on a raid among freebooters, to pass the hours till it was time to blow up a king. The circumstance that he was in love with his own wife all the while cannot have made poor Mary's love-letters more welcome to Bothwell. Those of an Englishwoman are also long, literary, and effusive. They are declared to be authentic, but are probably no more so than the old manuscript which is found in a cupboard and the first chapter of a novel. If authentic, they are awful examples of what a self-respecting girl will avoid. The most devoted young man, living only seven miles away from this modern Eloisa, would not have read through these impassioned screeds. The kind of story which they dimly outline runs thus : Edwin was young, wore a moustache and grey tweeds, and could ride. Angelina was a Theist, but did not believe in a future life, for reasons which she does not explain. She used to say her prayers, but looked forward to annihilation. The precise theological views of Edwin are left in obscurity. Angelina had long pined for Edwin, and had been so girlish as to write him love-letters, which she did not post. This was indiscreet ; her maid might have posted one by accident. After they were engaged she sent him these epistles, described as "The Casket Letters." This was unwise. If woman generally begins it (which Angelina thinks is often the case) she ought to keep the fact wrapped up in a mystery. In addition to the staple of amorous correspondence, a little literature is talked about. Edwin gives Agelina the complete novels of Mr. Meredith, to which she is partial. He also tries to make her read "Le Vicomte de Bragellone," but she obviously does not care for the great Dumas.

As to Sir Walter, she writes : "Scott is simply not modern." No, thank the Muses, he is not modern ; but for all time, like Homer and Shakespeare. A young man might have broken off his engagement with a girl so devoted to the "up-to-date," but the trouble did not come in that way. Edwin's mother could not endure Angelina, whose mother (now dead) was for reasons not assigned separated from her father. Angelina thought the old lady suspected lunacy in the family, but it was not that. Angelina makes a foreign tour and writes about Belini, Mr. Pater, and Botticelli. The old lady becomes more and more disagreeable. At last Edwin writes, instead of riding over. He says : "There is no fault in you, the fault is elsewhere ; I can no longer love you as I did. All that was between us must be at an end ; for your good and mine the only right thing is to say good-bye without meeting." The least experienced novel-reader can guess that the pair stand in a degree of consanguinity, for which a Papal Dispensation would not be granted. This, at least, is the hypothesis forced upon novel-readers. "With all our difference," says the lady, "people tell us we are alike." She has a dream or a vision in which, when she would have kissed him, he "shuddered at her, and threw back his head." The reason why, says the Preface, "remained, so far as one of the two was concerned, a mystery to the day of her death." Her death came speedily, her last days being devoted to writing melancholy letters which were forwarded to the young man after her decease, and are now presented, apparently by her desire, to the town. They are extremely passionate, and may be read with tears, by students who like to be harrowed. Others will see in all this a novel, and not a very wholesome novel.

Mrs. Louise Jordan Miln has been writing of her sex but not in the way Mrs. Steel wrote. She says:—The "New Woman," is—to be quite frank—my rear. Yes ; I do object to be so called "higher education" of women. There are pros and cons of this as of most subjects. But I am sure that the over-education of women does far more harm than good. Above all, I deplore the miseducation of women. I believe that the "higher education" tends to unsex women—above all, young girls—and that, if it does not do so greatly, it may, if persisted in for generations. I believe that it tends to make women unhappy—bitter, discontented, and garrulous which last is unnecessary. I believe that woman is the mental inferior of man, and that to overcram her head with the due equipment of the masculine intellect is as cruel and as pernicious as tight-lacing and feet binding. In North Africa girls are fattened for the marriage market, exactly as Strassburg geese are fattened for pates. I think the overcramming of a young girl's brain as horrible ! And the result is far worse, for it is very apt to drive her out of, or to leave her a drag on the marriage mart. A Cambridge paper noting this discussion demands : "Where would Girton and Newnham be, if we were all of the same mind as Mrs. Miln ?" Frankly, they would not be. Says Mrs. Miln "I spent some happy years as a girl student at a woman's college. The women in charge of it were good, noble, strong, and I recall every one of them with affection. But I believe that every one of them would have been happier and healthier, if not with less education, certainly living out of the somewhat fetid atmosphere of high-pressure education, and rid of their foolish fetish the franchise of women. My daughters will not have University careers, not, at least, while my influence, with them and with their father holds There were amazons of old who hacked off their own breast—their woman's breast—that they might the more readily wear their shields and bear their weapons. I always think of them when I see some young woman, rich in science, classics, or mathematics at the cost of some part of her ineffable femininity. There are exceptional women for whom I cannot deplore "the higher education." But I deplore that any woman should make education the chief end or interest of her life. I deeply deplore the herding together of women for educational purposes. There are undoubtedly women easily capable of very high intellectual development. I do not believe that they are many enough to justify the existence of one woman's college.

A Mrs. Hill writes an interesting letter in reply and on this Mrs. Miln remarks : I am in so much agreement that I wish it were entire. Could I believe—as she does—that "women wear their Academical honours very lightly," I should agree with her that their is a vast deal to justify the higher education of such women as desire it. Mrs. Hill also says to me "check-make," because I have written a book. Again I insist that my books don't count. They are neither "educated" or "new." Nor would I for a moment deprive any woman of so innocent a recreation as that of writing modern books—simple, nice, harmless books. I do write books. I have written five or six. I may never write another, I may write many. I don't know. Nor does it signify. The writing of books never has been and never can be any part or parcel of my real life. I sometimes play croquet. I often play whist. Both pastimes are as incidental and as unessential to my life as is the writing of so call books. One thing that Mrs. Hill writes shocks, grieves, and angers me terribly. "The love of man for woman is passion or desire, and, therefore, essentially selfish and transitory ; the love of a woman for her children is altruistic and essentially selfcacrificing and enduring. The instinct of selection in women is as good and natural as the instinct of maternity. Sir, I am wordless, because I lack a word at once adequate and courteous. The love of woman for her children always unselfish and steadfast ! I wish that History and I knew as little of my sex as your correspondent does. The love of man for woman always selfish, bestial, and passing ? I wish that the poor women who think that might know men as I know them. And I am infinitely sorry for the women who bear out my theory, of woman's mental inferiority, by so misreading history as to believe that. Men have betrayed and soiled women. But far more often man has been woman's rock of sure defence, her forbearing comrade, and loyal, unselfish friend. Paternity is as holy as maternity, and has been worn as well. Were men, on the whole, what some women seem to like to think them, women, begotten of men, could not be so admirable as we women undoubtedly are. A goodly book could be compiled of the mere names of men who have loved a woman unselfishly, nobly, and constantly. Some women, some unmarried woman of ample leisure and high education, ought to compile it. It would be a slight but graceful return for the incalculable much that we women owe men. Let the compiler go back far beyond the days of Petrach. Let her come down to the days of that man, as good as great, and even more beautiful and distinguished in his home life—his unselfish, loyal love—than in his great art : Robert Browning. Let her not forget that Indian Emperor who, while she lived, was the loyal lover and servant of his wife, and who, after her death, was her loyal lover and servant still, rearing for her entombing and her memorial the most perfect monument that love, and art, and man, have ever accomplished : the Taj Mahal. And let her not forget the greatest of our soldiers, always the humble, loyal lover of his imperious Sara.

With characteristic frankness, the Hon. John Collier last evening discoursed at the London Institution on "Varying Ideals of Human Beauty." Artists—in which expression he included the masters—were sarcastically described by him as a very untrustworthy folk to guide us in forming an idea of what former races looked like. The artists, he said, were born idealists, and had a troublesome way of representing people not as they were, but as they would like them to be. There was, for instance, the familiar early Victorian female, to be found in books of beauty and in many fashionable portraits of the time. She was quite unlike any human being that ever lived she was only what the early Victorian wanted to look like. Yet, generally speaking, the form the artist's ideal took was not merely of theoreeical interest—it had a very practical side. Everyone tried to become like the fashionable ideal. The power of adaptability latent in the female form especially had always struck him with admiring wonder, but there was the marriage market to be considered, and marriage had always been in the rough, a matter of choosing favoured young women by the privileged sex—a circumstance that made women sly and men insufferable. To his brother artists, then, he pressed this consideration—"For Heaven's sake let your ideal types be healthy, whatever else they be." If the decadent artists ever succeeded in making their monstrosities fashionable it would go far to ruin England. Dealing with the ideals of early masters, Mr. Collier referred to the "so-called Venus of Milo" as vigorous and robust, and especially resembling the male figure in that it had no waist, yet it was not devoid of especial feminine charm. Couldjanything be more delightful than the delicate Paganism of Sandro Botticelli's "Spring," or of the birth of Venus ? How refreshing they were after the angular and sourvisaged saints of the Middle Ages "Though." The Spring undoubtedly excelled in subtlety and delicacy the classic art from which it derived its inspiration, it was not wholly commendable. Think of those women—whose subtlety had a suspicion of hysteria—as wives and mothers in comparison with the Venus of Milo ! He loved them very much, but he distrusted them not a little. Raphael's later ideals he regarded as distinctly coarse, and the works of his rival, Michael Angelo though showing a mastery over human form, suffered from wilful exaggeration. Coming to the modern school of artists, he asked, Have we an ideal of beauty at all ? If we have, he remarked, it was of a very varied kind, yet out of the chaos we might some day evolve an ideal that would be all the better for the wide range of types from which it was selected.

One lady, Mrs. Ayrton, had the honour of dining with the three hundred and sixty members and guests of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, held at the Hotel Cecil. Her presence was not a matter of favour, but of right, as she has the distinction of being a member—the only lady member—of the Institution. The ruling spirits of that body will do well to find some other scientific lady qualified for membership in order to keep Mrs. Ayrton company on such festive occasions, for last night's experience showed that one lady brings in, not an apple of discord certainly, but oratorical embarrassment to those who are called upon to speak. How should one lady at a gathering of gentlemen be addressed ? The earlier speakers said, "My lords lady, and gentlemen," which sounded odd. The Lord Chief Justice improved on this with "My lords, Mrs. Ayrton, and gentlemen, while Sir John Wolfe Barry struck out the formula, "My lords, madame, and gentlemen." Mrs. Ayrton some time ago justified her election to membership by a thoroughly scientific essay "On the Hissing of the Electric Arc," a subject which he still further investigated, and on which she read a paper, in completion of her inquiry at the recent meeting of the Institution in Paris.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, DEC. 7.

THE Cyclist-Volunteer movement is gradually gaining ground, and as an instance of its increasing popularity, it might be mentioned that there are already no less than 120 paid members on the roll of the Cyclists' Company of the Queen's Edinburgh Rifle Volunteers, and not only this, but there are others anxious to join. The idea is an excellent one in every way, and it is undoubted that in a short time we shall have a very efficient number of cyclist-volunteers in this country, capable men well trained.

A certain class of wheelmen have expressed the desire for a small motor for attachment to the frame of a standard bicycle, not so much with the view of careering along without exerting muscular power but as an auxiliary power to assist driving up hill or against a head wind. Naturally the trade took steps to meet this requirement, with the result that a motor with its sparking and carburetting appurtenances for fitting to an ordinary safety is now upon the market. A motor of this description is bound to appeal to those cyclists who have a hankering after motoring and yet are unable to meet the heavy expense, but we are afraid that the frame of the ordinary safety is not sufficiently strong to withstand the additional weight and strain which even with a small motor is pretty considerable.

There was at one time in existence a pernicious article known as the baby carrier which has now wholly dropped out of existence, after probably demoralising the nerves of many a youngster. There is now a revival in this sort of thing but fortunately it is on much more sensible lines. It is in the form of a trailer to hitch on behind a bicycle or tricycle. The trailer affords a comfortable seat, and the youngster seated therein has the feeling of security and of seeing someone on whom it relies in front. A trailer properly used at a slow pace should be a means of health and enjoyment, a very antithesis to the obsolete carrier which was placed over the front forks. The trailer adapted for motors is also evidently in favour, but it is not recommended to carry children therein.

A man who must occupy a high position as an inventive genius is now engaging his attention on the production of music from a bicycle. One of his best ideas is the fitting of toned bells to cycles so that during club runs the members may enjoy harmony as they ride along the country roads. Hand-bell ringing on a bicycle would certainly be a new development but one can see the dire results should one or two of the principal "notes" be absent from any function. After all cyclists had better devote themselves to cycling, and leave hand-bell ringing to be performed in its proper sphere and under suitable conditions.

The majority of cyclists favour the gear-case, and when one considers the saving of labour and wear to the machine it seems surprising that every wheelmen does not have one of these useful additions fitted to his machine. There are perhaps two reasons why this is not the practice, some cyclists objecting on account of weight and others by reason of unfortunate experience with gear-cases. To the former we have nothing to say, unless a suggestion that they remove the balls out of the bearings to further lighten the machine—it would be quite as sensible. But to the latter we would suggest that they give the gear-case another trial, having it fitted by an experienced mechanic who would do his work properly and so give satisfaction. Simple as the fitting of a gear-case appears, it is remarkable how few workmen can make a good job of it and hence the reason why garret made cycles seldom sport a gear-case and so much trouble is experienced when they do.

With the passing of the National and Stanley Shows one can sit down and collectively reflect upon the results of the exhibitions, whether they have attracted the usual concourse of people, and if the amount of trade transacted equals that of former years. In the first case it is impossible for an outsider to give an accurate opinion, as the show secretries carefully conceal the numbers registered by the turnstiles, but with regard to the amount of trade transacted we hear on very reliable authority that the volume of business done at the Stanley, at any rate, exceeded the expectations of the exhibitors. This is certainly good news, and we trust the forecast of a good season in 1901. Already arrangements have been made for holding the tenth annual National Show in November of next year, and it is stated that some stand sites have already been booked.

Cyclists should have no difficulty in preventing the fraud of cheap German air-tubes being fitted to genuine outer covers of Dunlop tyres of they will only take the precaution of examining the trade mark of the air tube. If any doubt exists as to the genuineness, the Dunlop Company will be pleased to examine any tubes or covers, which may be sent them.

THE Christmas rains in the N.-W. Provinces have justified their title this year by arriving with punctuality that has probably not been appreciated by the holiday parties out in camp. rain was general all over the Provinces on the 24th and seems to have been heaviest in the Meerut and Agra Divisions. There was a smart storm over Allahabad in the evening which continued into the early hours of Christmas morning.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

A SMALL field of twenty, three of whom were ladies, assembled at Santa Cruz for the extra meet, which was advertised for Christmas Day. The pack too, was greatly reduced, Stacey having only chosen the fittest of the hounds, but the 10 1-2 couple we had out looked game enough for any amount of extra work. It was an unusually cold and dark morning, and as we sat shivering, on our horses, awaiting the arrival of the train, one almost could have fancied it was an English wintery morning. As soon as the sportsmen who came by train had joined us, we moved off. In the well-known cover by Parla woods a Jack was found and the hounds lost no time in getting on to the line. They hustled him through the wood, and out on to the open paddy-fields by the railway line, giving tongue merrily the while. As we neared Jackal Hill we turned to the right, through the scrub, and on to Chuckla Hill, we had a glorious scamper over the grass land and mango topes on top of the hill, but just before coming to the lane the scent was a little catchy. After a slight check however, the beauties got on to the line and took us over the lane through the mango topes on the other side of it and into the paddy-fields below. Here the hounds were quite at fault, and there was a check of some minutes, whilst they got on to the line again. When they did, it was with a new Jack. Some of the field who rode along the high road, which lay to the left, saw in an enclosure quite close to the road a dusty, tired looking Jack, our original quarry. But just at that moment the music burst out once more from the hounds, who had been hunting about in the paddy-fields to the right, and in a few seconds the whole pack streamed across the road in full cry, and our old foe was left in peace to recover from his morning's gallop. We swarmed up the hill after the new Jack who had so obligingly relieved his brother. Once across the road the pace increased considerably. We scrambled down the hill into the valley below, along a very stony lane, skirted round a tank and up the side of the next hill, up on to the beautiful grassy hills towards Goregaum. Unfortunately scent here began to fail ; the hounds were running very mute and were often at fault in spite of Stacey's efforts to cast in every direction scent failed utterly and We were obliged to give it up. It was such a perfect morning, so cool and fresh, and we were in such lovely galloping country, that we were loath to turn back. Stacey took his hounds in and out of the jungle trying to turn out a fresh Jack, and the field followed him in the hope of getting more sport that morning. But though as a rule Goregaum jungle abounds in jackals, not a sign of one could we see ! Occasionally our hopes rose as we saw a few of the leading hounds appear to get on to the line of one and they would feather about, but the scent was never strong enough to enable them to speak to it, and after a few yards, would die away altogether. After a time hounds were called off and turned homewards. After leaving the first hill, once across the Andheri Road, the pack divided, a few couple followed a line to the right and the Master and a few riders followed them, the majority however kept with Stacey and his pack on the left. The other division does not appear to have been more fortunate. Though it was such a cold morning the breeze was too strong and scent would not lie well. A Christmas Day meet is quite a new innovation, but one which all sporting members will like, so it is to be hoped a precedent having been established, we shall always be treated to one, and our heartiest thanks are due to the sportsman who suggested the idea.

Yesterday morning hounds again met at Santa Cruz, but this time about half-a-mile from the camp. Owing to the holidays and the rival attractions of other sports, the field was a small one, thirty in all, but four ladies were keen enough to turn up. A Jack was found in very much the same place as on Tuesday. We avoided Parla wood, keeping more on the outskirts of the Melon Ground, and then swung to the left near the railway, over very much the same ground that we covered on the occasion of the last run. As before we made a bee line for Jackal Hill, and then turned through the scrub swarming over Chuckla Hill, giving us a chance of having some very pretty cactus jumping. Here unfortunately one of the ladies had a bad fall, and hurt her arm. It is to be hoped that the report that the bone is broken, will prove to be incorrect. Scent again seemed catchy after coming through Chuckla lane, and the hounds hesitated for a bit in the paddy-fields, but once they got on to the line again, streamed away at a good pace. The line took us over the Andheri road, through the mango topes on the other side and right-handed out into the open country. We crossed the Backwater with our quarry running to view. The huntsman did his best to lift his hounds, and though only a few yards separated him from the leading hound, Master Jack was still going strong, and by putting on all extra spurt quickly out-distanced his foes. Straight across Marole Valley we went at a rattling pace, over the course which was laid for the Point-to-Point Races held at Marole a couple of years ago. We were taken over the Tulsi pipe, across Vehar pipe, along the valley to the last hill of the Marole range. Up that and over it and down the other side, over the ford and up Vehar hill with the hounds away up the hill out of sight. Over the hill and down the other side and a little way along the valley. It looked as if the varmint was going to take us along to Powai, but he must have felt himself reaching the end of his tether, for he was afraid to face the open, and doubled back again up Vehar hill, and the hounds ran into him on the road, on top of the hill. We had been going for an hour and twenty minutes with hardly a check and once into the Marole valley, at a good round pace. We turned for home feeling well pleased that we had participated in what surely must be considered as *the* run of the season. The greatest credit is due to the Hunt management that the hounds should be fit enough to give us such a run after having already had an extra day this week ! Let us hope next Monday we shall again be treated to as good a morning's sport.

Dec. 28. JORROCKS.

THE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE qualifying competition for the championship of India took place on Monday on Tollygunj, where the Club links, which had been placed at the disposal of the Calcutta Golf Club, were in excellent order. Mr. Macbeth, the Young Lytham and St. Ann's crack, who has just come out to Bombay, led the field throughout and finished up first with a good score of 178. Mr. Stewart played nervously for some time and threw away his chances by four very bad holes immediately after tiffin, but managed to come in second. Mr. Simson was third, and Messrs. Stuart Smith, Urie and Drimmie, all of whom were expected to do better, occupied the next three places. Mr. D. Pym came in seventh, and Mr. Lamb, whose partial return to his old form was very popular, secured the last place in the eight by a narrow margin from Messrs. Begg and R. D. Murray. The last-named golfer's failure to qualify for the match play occasioned much surprise and regret, as did that of his younger brother who was a stroke behind him. The matches were drawn as follows :—

A. M. Urie v. T. Drummie.
F. H. E. Lamb v. A. F. Simson.
D. Pym v. J. Stuart Smith.
N. Macbeth v. F. H. Stewart.

The greens were in first-class condition, and the course generally very much better than it has been for many months past. It is a matter for regret that only one visitor has qualified for the match play, and that the entries were not more numerous, while the scoring, taken all round, was not so good as it might have been, but it may be confidently predicted that there will be plenty of good play to attract spectators to-day and to-morrow. The scores returned for the 36 holes were as follows :—

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MILITARY NEWS.

CAPTAIN JOHN HAY, V. D., Cossipur Artillery, is permitted to retain rank of Captain and wear the uniform of his Corps on retirement, as special case in recognition of his 11 year's command service.

The scheme for the organising and training of Mounted Infantry in India is now under the direct consideration of the Government.

Lieut-Colonel G. J. Younghusband of the Guides, has been recommended for the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry on several occasions during the Boer war.

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AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

THE RUSSIANS AT NEWCHANG.

AN APPEAL FROM THE EMPEROR.

(From the China Mail papers of Dec. 5.)

A HANGCHOW despatch states that Governor Liu of Chekiang received a few days ago a secret appeal of the Emperor saying that although his sincere wish is to return to Peking he has repeatedly been stopped in his purpose by those around him. His Majesty therefore asks that all his Viceroys and Governors join in advising and pressing the Empress Dowager to allow his Majesty's return to Peking at an early date. Upon receipt of this appeal Governor Liu at once wrote to Viceroy Liu to consult about making a joint memorial to the Empress Dowager.

THE CHUCHOU MASSACRES.

Pao, Taotai of Chuchou, Chekiang province, who was in charge in July last at the time of the massacres of missionaries and converts, and who, fearing that he would be held responsible for them, had absconded from his post, has, according to a Ch'angchou telegram, been arrested by the authorities in that city while fleeing to his native province of Szechuan.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF KIANGSU.

Sung Shou (Manchou) whose arrival at Soochow has been delayed so long has according to a Nanch'ang despatch, at last given out that he will leave that city for his new post on the 7th instant and hand over the seals of the Kiangsi Governorship to the acting Governor, Chang Shao-hua, Treasurer of the said provinces, on the 4th instant. Governor Sung Shou will therefore arrive at Shanghai en route on or about the 12th instant.

A RUMOUR.

was current yesterday amongst the Chinese that, owing to outside pressure, the Empress Dowager had given her consent to allow the Emperor to return to Peking and that in consequence his Majesty would probably start for his destination in the middle of the present month. The Empress Dowager has, it was also rumoured, declared her intention to wait until she saw how the Emperor would be treated by the Allies before entrusting her "sacred" person to the foreign Powers.

THE CHUCHOU MASSACRES.

With reference to the comments which appeared in these columns at the time when the Imperial decree was issued ordering Liu Shu-t'ang, Governor of Chekiang, to resign his post at once, namely, that he had been removed from office for inability in preventing the Chuchou massacres last summer, one Nanking native correspondent writes in confirmation, saying that Viceroy Liu K'un-yi and H.E. Sheng have sent a joint despatch to the British Consular authorities here giving the same reason for the removal of Governor Liu and also promising on behalf of the new Governor Yuan Tsu-yi, that when the latter has taken over his seals he will leave no stone unturned to settle the Chuchou case at an early date.

THE FEAR OF THE SOUTHERNERS.

One curious result of the disturbances up North is the knowledge which Manchus in Peking and other Northern districts have recently imbibed that instead of being feared they are really cordially hated by the Chinese of the southern and maritime provinces, south of the Yangtze. This may be seen from the fact that for the first time since the pacification of the Taiping rebellion (1865), Manchus who have recently come to Shanghai, down to Canton, or up the Yangtze, have assiduously refrained from calling themselves representatives of the ruling race and have either called themselves natives of Anhui, Kiangsu, or Chekiang. This is due to the fear of assassination at the hands of the Chinese inhabiting the regions south of the Yangtze and as far south as Kuangsi and Yunnan; and this also has been the cause why the Imperial Clansman, P'u Liang, a Vice-President of one of the Boards Peking, who has been appointed to Canton as Literary Chancellor of Kuangtung province, and who arrived in Shanghai last week with his family and retinue of 37 persons, has managed to get excused from going further south than Shanghai and succeeded in getting the Empress Dowager to tell him to return to Peking instead. This P'u Liang, it may perhaps be remembered, was after the ruthless murders by Prince Tuan of the Tsungli Yamen Ministers Hsu Ching-ch'eng, Yuan Ch'ang, Lien Yuan, and Hsu Yung-yo, appointed with Prince Tuan, Prince Chuang and Ch'i Hsiu to take the murdered Ministers' places—in other words take the places of the men they made away with.

THE RUSSIANS AT NEWCHWANG.

Those who fondly believe that the Russians intend to voluntarily give back the port of Newchwang to China are invited to read the following translation of a proclamation issued by the Russian Administrator, whose name in Chinese is Ngao, on the 22nd ultimo:—

Ngao, deputed by the Imperial Russian Government Governor of the Port of Yingkow and also Commissioner of Customs, and Shih, Superintendent of Landtaxes, do hereby issue this joint Proclamation for the information of all.

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After the promulgation of these presents, you inhabitants of this Port must immediately come to this Yamen and declare clearly your property, and if anyone be discovered hereafter to have hidden any part or portion of his property from the authorities he will be punished by having all his title-deeds and bills of sale cancelled, made null and void and his property confiscated to Government as a warning to all. Disobey not this special proclamation!

The 10th day of the 11th month of the Great Russian Calendar.

The 1st day of the 10th month, 25th year of Kuang Hsu, (22nd November, 1900.)

A Chinese official, lately returned from Peking, states that just before leaving that city for the South he learned from a retainer of Hsu T'ung, Grand Secretary and 2nd Preceptor of the Heir-Apparent, who was said to have committed suicide almost immediately after the flight of the Court from Peking, that Hsu Tung is still alive, and that he is at present in hiding in a small farm house not far from Peking.

NO KUANG HSU AT ANY PRICE.

A Chinese official, who recently returned from a tour in Japan, states that while there he had been confidently assured by certain Japanese in the Foreign Office that the Reactionists at Hsian had recently sent a dispatch in the name of the Empress Dowager to certain high Japanese officials declaring that no matter how the present imbroglio with the Foreign Power resulted, the restoration of the Emperor to sole power must be prevented, as such a course would be most dangerous and will create interneçine war.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR IN THE YANGTZE.

A Nanking dispatch reports that Admiral Seymour's visit to the Yangtze Viceroys has been a success. The Viceroys were most cordial in their treatment of the Admiral and were anxious to fall in with the views of their guest.

PRINCE TUAN AND TUNG FU-HSIANG ALLIES.

Another Wuchang dispatch gives the following:—Viceroy Chang Chih-tung received recently a dispatch from a Foreign Consul in Hankow stating that the latter had received a telegram from a Kansu missionary reporting that a large portion of General Tung Fu-hsiang's army, numbering nearly 10,000 men, had left Shensi and entered Kansu province to join hands with the levies of Prince Tuan, raised on the Ninghsia-Mongolian borders, whose avowed object is to rebel against the Emperor. The said Consul therefore requested Viceroy Chang to telegraph to Hsian asking the Government to instruct the local and military authorities of Kansu province to give protection and assistance to any missionary or foreigner in want of help there. Viceroy Chang sent his telegram to Hsian the same day.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

A native correspondent at Chengtu, capital of Szechuan, states that Viceroy K'uei Chun (Manchu) is providing funds and supplies to General Tung Fu-hsiang's army in the North-west and General Tung is independent of the Central and South-eastern Viceroys and Governors in consequence.

MODERN GUNS FOR HSIANFU.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, according to a Wuchang dispatch, has received a telegram from Governor Ts'en of Shensi asking the former to send with all haste eight quick-firing guns to Hsian, as there was urgent need of them. The guns in question were sent the next day.

ANOTHER RESURRECTED OFFICIAL.

A native correspondent who sent us recently from Peking a report of the death by suicide of the notorious Manchu Reactionist, Ch'i Hsiu, after attending to the funeral of his mother, now sends the following: "I have now to report that Ch'i Hsiu is still alive at present time of writing (19th of November). The origin of the report of his suicide, therefore, needs explanation. When Ch'i Hsiu obtained his leave from the Japanese he went and called upon Prince Ching who told him that he was a 'lucky man.' Upon being asked why so, Prince Ching replied—'You have now before you the opportunity of handing your name down in history as a filial son and a loyal Minister—in fact a Perfect Man. Your anti-foreign conduct and your connection with the Boxers in June and July are well-known to the Foreign Powers (Ch'i Hsiu was also made a Tsungli Yamen Minister after the murders of Hsu Ching-ch'eng, Yuan Ch'ang and Lieu Yuan). Hence your arrest by the Japanese. Do you not fear the consequences by and by, when matters become more settled? Remember Paotingfu! When I said you were a lucky man I merely wanted to point out to you that you could preserve your name in history as a filial son and loyal Minister of the dynasty by committing suicide after performing the duty you owed to your mother and thereby evading the punishment the Allies have in store for you by and by.' Under circumstances like these nine out of ten Chinese mandarins of high rank would have taken Prince Ching's hint, and it was therefore taken for granted that Ch'i Hsiu would surely have made away [illegible] after giving himself up to the Japanese [illegible] premature rumour, especially when after [illegible] the Japanese nothing was heard of Ch'i [illegible] several days. To the surprise however, of every one [illegible] Ching Ch'i Hsiu was still seen very much alive [illegible] ring and seeming to be rather [illegible] ent in the Japanese prison is [illegible] Governor of Peking. What Ch'i [illegible] future is, of course, merely a matter [illegible] as he is a man who rather likes to spring surprises on his friends."

THE ACTING TAOTAISHIP OF SHANGHAI.

It was reported in local mandarin circles that, in view of Yu Taotai's early departure for his new post as Provincial Treasurer Hunan, His Honour Tao Sen-chia, will be the acting Taotai ad interim. The choice of Taotai Tao Sen-chia appears to be a fitting one in every way as he is both an enlightened and a liberal official and what is more he was the special deputy appointed by both Viceroys Liu K'un-yi and Chang Chih-tung to sign the Yangtze compact last summer on their behalf. The importance of having such an enlightened Taotai in Shanghai as Tao Sen-cha, who has the confidence of all the Foreign Consuls here as well as his superior officers in the Yangtze provinces, cannot be overestimated in the present crisis, the Shanghai Taotai being often termed the right-hand-man of the Nanking Viceroy. It may also be stated on peasant that, owing to Tao Sen-chia's liberal ideas and friendship towards Westerners, he has recently been often denounced by the Reactionists as a Reformer and friend of Reformers and Foreigners.

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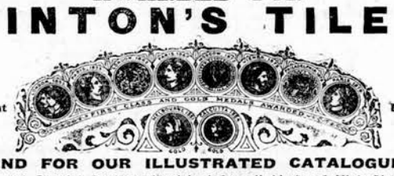

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The Grand Duke who is already an amature actor, a translator of plays, a poet, a student of science, and a soldier in the Russian Army, was reported as being on the point of accepting an offer to appear professionally on the Viennese stage. Furious that a Romanoff could be willing so to demean himself, the Tsar not only placed an absolute veto on the plan, but practically exiled the Grand Duke to his great estates in Siberia.

But even though debarred by his despotic nephew from winning glory on the public stage, there is no reason why the Grand Duke Constantine should not continue the triumphs which have already won him a very pretty reputation in the intimacy of the Imperial Court. Last year a positive sensation was created by the Grand Duke's appearance in "Hamlet," a play which he had already translated into Russian and the scenic representation of which he entirely planned. Previously Constantine had translated into Russian many of the German classic dramas, among them Schiller's "Nathan the Wise" and "The Bride of Messina." At present he has nearly finished translating "Quo Vadis" from the Polish.

Hardly less strong is the Grand Duke's leaning toward poetry, of which he has published several volumes. These are mostly lyrics and love poems, but he has also written a piece of dramatic mysticism in the form of a continuation of Byron's "Manfred"—undertaking to depict the spiritual life of Manfred beyond the grave. His election as President of the Russian Royal Academy of Science was in recognition of the Grand Duke's activity in still another line. Constantine is forty-two years old. In 1884 he followed the custom of Russian princes in marrying the Saxon Princess Elizabeth of Altenburg, a charming woman of unusual cultivation and originality of thought.

Mr. Max Pemberton's story in "Rears's Annual" is I think one of the most delightful and entertaining he has ever written. He is also to be congratulated on the excellence of the Christmas number of Cassell's Magazine." The number opens with the first chapters of a tale of adventure written by himself. It is in the graceful, vivid style which has put Mr. Pemberton in the very first rank of story-tellers. The illustrations are exceptionally good. Every class and age of reader seems to have been studied in the varied and very generous collection of stories and articles.

My readers will be interested in the following account of the Sandringham Stables taken from the article on 'The Prince of Wales, Horses" "The seventeen brood mares with their foals and yearlings which belong to the Prince are at Sandringham under the eye of Mr. Walker to whose brilliant judgment and sound careful management, supervised by Lord Marcus Beresford and the Prince himself, the Royal stable owes very much of its recent success. I do not know of many men living or dead whose opinion about the breeding and management of a racehorse I should care to defend against the combined judgment of the Prince of Wales, Lord Marcus Beresford, and Mr. Walker.

"The stud farm is, naturally, an object of great interest to guests at Sandringham, and a day rarely passes without the host bringing a party of guests across the big gardens to these roomy, plainly-fitted boxes, where prospective winners of the Derby, Oaks, and St. Leger are now playing by the side of their dams. The Princess of Wales occasionally comes, too, with other guests, and stays to have tea in a big square-windowed room in her beautiful dairy, which adjoins the stud farm. Opposite the entrance to this dairy is the grave of Perdita II, who died last summer shortly after giving birth to a filly foal. As she had had ten foals in twelve years her life work was doubtless done; add a tablet is shortly to be placed there, recounting the deeds of her famous sons.

A mere catalogue of the mares and youngsters at Sandringham would be as dull as the catalogue of ships in Homer; but some especially noticeable creatures, besides the little sister to Diamond Jubilee, who has been named Nadeeja, are a yearling colt by Persimmon out of Red Enamel, a yearling filly by Persimmon out of Meadow Chat, and a colt foal by Persimmon out of Laodamia. The last-mentioned foal (whose dam was an unpleasantly notorious mare belonging to the late Mr. Fulton and was bought by the Prince of Wales as a brood mare for 3,500 guineas) is incomparably the best-looking foal I have ever seen, and worth considerably more than the filly by Persimmon out of Ornament.

"The ordinary spectator believes that when Diamond Jubilee wins the Eclipse Stakes; Diamond Jubilee's owner is quite as pleased to receive £10,000 as he—the spectator—would be. This produces some very human sympathy and congratulations, so that the man who would no more have congratulated the Duke of Westminster on winning the Derby than he would chaff the Tsar of Russia about the appearance of a new baby, throws up his hat and cheers with warm personal delight when the Prince wins a race. I remember a certain person who was in a box at Epsom last May, having come, rather against his will and while deploring the Prince's bad example in patronising the Turf at all, to see a famous national spectacle. As someone pointed out the crowd which overran the course after the Derby, cheering Diamond Jubilee and his owner, the young critics said contemptuously. "Naturally these people cheer him; they're his friends." To which a quiet stranger in an adjoining box answered: And so are we all of us, and fell to cheering too.

English turf folk are no sycophants and they judge, condemn and approve all new-comers into their world whether princes, financiers or stable lads. At the Epsom Spring Meeting of 1895, when Florizel II. then a barely-known atom in a barely-considered racing stud won a small race beating a horse called Wherwell belonging to the late Colonel North, I remember quite a small demonstration taking place. Some eighty or hundred people collected in front of Colonel North's box shouting: You've been robbed, Colonel. They've robbed you to please the Prince of Wales. Wherwell could have won easily. Colonel North rose up in his box and his face became if possible a shade more purple than usual. "Nonsense, he shouted back, no treason: Three cheers for the Prince of Wales and the crowd responded with good humoured laughter.

"One of the most curious sights I know of," writes a journalist, living in the Premier's part of the world, "is that of Lord Salisbury and his page boy together. Whenever Lord Salisbury goes up to town or returns to Hatfield, he is escorted and met by a diminutive boy in buttons, an exceedingly smart little person. He looks after his distinguished master's things, conveys them to the carriage, and generally attends to his comfort. As the world knows, Lord Salisbury is a man of ample proportions in figure, and to see this pair together is certainly amusing. It reminds one of a giant and a dwarf."

Lord Curzon's decision to forego his "sporting" trip to the forest of Gir, and so spare the lives of some of the more or less tame, maneless lions still to be found there, is creditable to him. India has too many stories already of the class of sport that is provided to order for touring personages. It is even said that once when a Royalty visited the Punjab, and expressed a desire to shoot a bear in a part of the province where these animals are not, it was noticed that the bear-pit in the local zoological gardens suddenly became vacant. Royalty, however, made a shocking bad shot, and the bear-pit was re-tenanted a day or two later.

A Brighton correspondend writes: "In your paper of to-day you have something to say of Lord Leicester. Perhaps you do not know the story of his ancestor, Mr. Coke, of Norfolk, the well-known agriculturist. He had attained a goodly age—seventy, I believe—and was still a bachelor, his heir-presumptive, a nephew, was also unmarried, and his uncle was anxious that he should take unto himself a wife. So he looked out for a young lady of beauty and intelligence, and directed his nephew to pay his addresses to her. This the young man did in so reluctant and half-hearted a manner that when he did at last propose, he was promptly rejected. Thereupon Mr. Coke waited upon the lady to beg her to reconsider her decision. No, said she, I will not marry your nephew, but I will marry you' if you like And marry they did, and the child of the marriage cut the nephew out of an immense fortune,"

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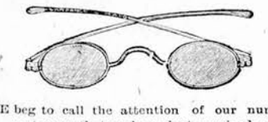

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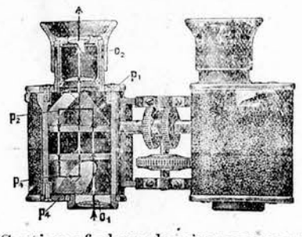

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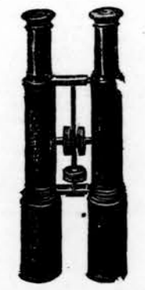

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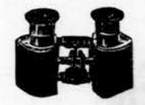

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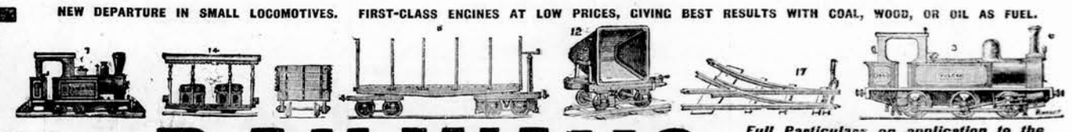

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